

OBITUARY.—We regret to announce the death of Alfred Jackson, M.D., of Quebec, on the 15th ult. Dr. Jackson was one of the oldest and most respected practitioners in Quebec. He was for many years Dean of the Medical Faculty of Laval University, and had attained the age of 75 years.

THE NEW BUILDING.—The building of the Medical Faculty of McGill University is making rapid progress. The walls and roof of the new lecture-room and the section adjoining it are complete, and the internal work is being quickly pushed forward. The remodelled dissecting-room is nearly finished, is splendidly lighted and will furnish vastly increased accommodation. It is confidently expected that all the alterations will be completed during next month.

THE INSANE IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.—We learn that Dr. D. Hack Tuke is preparing for publication a book bearing the above title, which will appear in about a month. It will contain, besides the complete papers on the subject compiled during his visit to this country last year, an interesting account of early lunacy practice in the United States and a description of the development of the study of mental diseases in the Union. We feel sure that many—both lay and medical—will look with interest for a book from this well-known writer, for all will remember the awakening that followed his powerful exposition of the glaring faults of the antiquated system followed in this province. When in receipt of the volume we shall be glad to draw attention to its contents more at length.

—The recent meeting of the American Ophthalmological Association, held in the Pequot House, New London, Conn., was perhaps the most successful in the annals of the Association both in the matter of numerical attendance and in the number and quality of the papers presented. Upwards of forty members took part in the proceedings, and papers were read and discussed embracing nearly the entire range of ophthalmology. Before adjourning, the meeting showed in an emphatic manner the feeling of its members towards the new committee of the pro-