

CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Members of the Profession throughout the country will be glad to know that William Oldright, M.A., M.D., (University of Toronto) of this city, Lecturer on Sanitary Science in the Toronto School of Medicine, has been properly selected by the Ontario Government for the Chairmanship of the Provincial Board of Health, as having probably paid more attention to the subject than any man in the Province. We trust that his experience on the Board may fully convince him that in another sphere of public utility—the Senate of the University of Toronto—he may greatly further the great and good work just begun, and establish a further claim upon the gratitude of his fellow-citizens by securing a post-graduate examination for Sanitary Science Certificates, as Cambridge and Dublin have already done. Here members of the great life-saving army of medical officers of health may properly, as we have long contended, have their special fitness for the discharge of their important duties duly tested and attested.

A DISCLAIMER.

The Arthur *Enterprise* in a late editorial insinuates that in our last issue we endeavoured to hit Dr. McKinnon, of Guelph, over its shoulder. We should, indeed, be sorry to have any such impression go abroad. Should occasion ever demand the casting of an editorial dart in that direction we shall not be foolish enough to attempt to penetrate the protectingegis of a country newspaper. For the present, however, we have neither occasion nor desire to quarrel with the worthy doctor, having every reason to regard him as a highly honourable and straightforward man—in other words, a gentleman—and a most intelligent practitioner. Moreover, we doubt not, both from his letter in our columns some time ago, and again to-day, and upon general principles, he is ready to endorse every word we have written anent the “newspaper offences against the profession.”

Professor Freund, of Strasbourg, is reported to have been offered and to have accepted the chair of Obstetrics in Breslau, formerly occupied by the late Professor Spiegelberg.

EXAMINATIONS.

Among the students at the present time there is the usual excitement over the ever-dreaded examinations which are going on. The most important feature is the fact that they are every year becoming more practical, and, therefore, more useful in a proportionate degree. To the Council must be given full credit for its persistent efforts in this direction during the last few years. At the examination to be held by that body in April we notice with pleasure that the students will be subjected to a thoroughly practical test in both primary and final subjects. The various universities (especially Toronto) are advancing in the same direction, and becoming more practical every year. From a pretty close observation of the students of this city during the session now completed, we can bear testimony to the unusual assiduity exhibited by them both in hospital and school work, and we have much pleasure in wishing them, one and all, the highest success.

TO THIS YEAR'S GRADUATES.

At the expense of considerable space, we reproduce in this issue, from the *Medical News*, for the benefit of our graduating classes this year, the admirable Valedictory Address, pronounced last month by Surgeon John S. Billings, M.D., to the graduates of Bellevue Hospital Medical College. We sincerely trust that those young men who, simultaneously with this issue, now go out into the world, will ponder the wisdom it pithily expresses well, and pay due heed to the wise precepts and sage maxims it contains; for wise men acquire from the experience of others those wholesome, although bitter, truths, which fools learn only, and that not easily, for themselves.

A correspondent tells us there are fifty doctors in Winnipeg with a population of about fifteen thousand, and others are coming every week. The *Free Press* of that city says they are becoming as numerous as land agents.

ALBRECHT VON GRAEFE.—A memorial statue of this illustrious Ophthalmologist has been erected in Berlin. It will be unveiled on the 22nd May, his birthday.