

THE RUSH INTO MEDICINE.—A correspondent of the *Medical Press*, quoted in the *Medical Record*, gives a very gloomy picture of the medical profession in Victoria, Australia. The population is hardly a million and a quarter, and the number of doctors is one thousand and seventeen; this number is increased by about sixty a year. What would he think of Ontario! Two millions of a population and three thousand doctors; somewhere about eight hundred persons annually studying medicine and about two hundred graduating each year. We would advise the correspondent from Melbourne not to give such a glowing account of the state of practice as compared with Ontario, or there will be a rapid flight from this province to his country. What the two hundred graduating from Ontario each year are going to do we do not know. Perhaps in good time they will find out for themselves.

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LYSIDINE AND PIPERAZINE ON URIC ACID.—Dr. F. Woodcock Goodbody read a paper at the meeting of the British Medical Association (*British Medical Journal*, October 3rd) in which he shows that these drugs have a very powerful effect on uric acid in the system. They do not increase the formation of the acid, but they enable the blood to hold it much more freely in solution. In this way the acid is removed from the tissues of the body and eliminated by the kidneys. Of the two drugs, lysidine is the more active. The dosage of either for the investigations in the paper was from one grain to two grains daily. If these drugs be continued for a length of time the uric acid eliminated will decrease, as the element will have been largely removed from the system. They are both active diuretics.

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THYROID FEEDING IN THE INSANE.—Dr. Charles D. Hill, of Baltimore (in *Maryland Medical Journal*, September, 1896), speaks very highly of the good effects of thyroid in many forms of mental derangement. Of forty cases the following results were obtained: Unimproved, 8; improved, 12; greatly improved, 14; cured, 5; died, 1. Melancholia, dementia and mania were all treated. In some cases of dementia, of many years standing, the effects were very wonderful. In one case of extreme dementia, the patient in a few days was attending to herself and her room, and asking for something to do to put in the time by. The voice that had been silent for years is again heard, and the patient is found eagerly reading a book. The violent maniac that must be restrained by lock and bars becomes quiet and docile. The mournful victim of melancholia becomes cheerful and hilarious in a short time.