

in the manufacture of the Elixir of Calisaya, one of the most agreeable of tonics. Their preparations are too well known to need an extended notice from us. For particulars see advertising page, No. V.

### Medical Items.

MCGILL COLLEGE FACULTY OF MEDICINE.—There are 57 new entries this year, the largest number for some years. They are distributed according to Provinces as follows: Ontario, 27; Quebec, 10; United States, 8; New Brunswick, 4; Nova Scotia, 3; Prince Edward Island, 1; West Indies, 1. In all, 165 have enregistered.

MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—At the annual meeting recently held, the following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—*President*, Dr. Hingston; *1st Vice-President*, Dr. Wilkins; *2nd do.*, Dr. Osler; *Council*, Drs. Perrigo, Blackader and Shepherd; *Secretary*, Dr. O. C. Edwards; *Treasurer*, Dr. W. A. Molson; *Librarian*, Dr. James Bell.

AN UNCOMMON OCCURRENCE.—In Holland, three triplet brothers—a naval *employé*, a solicitor, and a postmaster—have just celebrated their 50th birthday, all being in excellent health.

MATERNAL IMPRESSIONS.—The following occurred in the practice of a Maryland physician, according to the *Dublin Medical Journal*:—“A lady, during pregnancy, carried with her a pocket edition of Moore’s Poetical Works, which she read almost constantly. Her child, at three years of age, exhibited a most wonderful gift of putting sentences into rhyme; in fact, naturally expressed his little ideas and thoughts in flowing measure!” Blame not the bard—but a case like this shows how important is a well-assorted library to a gravid uterus.—*Brit. Med. Jour.*

LONDON FOGS.—Dr. Frankland, who has been studying London fogs, finds that the fogs occur in comparatively dry air, and that they cannot be considered as a sign of dampness. Their persistency in a dry atmosphere he has found to be due to a coating of oil, derived from coal smoke, upon the surfaces of the minute vesicles of water composing the fog, and which effectually hinders the evaporation of the water.