

vaccination, and the great diminution in the number of typhus epidemics, three classes of diseases which formerly decimated the medical practitioners.—*Church Family Newspaper.*

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.—At the annual convocation of the University of Queen's College, April 7th, 1898, the degree of LL.D. was conferred upon Dr. Charles W. Purdy, of Chicago. Dr. Purdy is a Canadian, and a graduate of Queen's University, from which he received the degree of M.D. in 1869. He practised in the village of Hastings, county of Northumberland, Ontario, for three years, and went to Chicago in 1872. He soon achieved success in this city, and, after spending a few years in general practice, devoted special attention to Bright's disease and allied affections of the kidneys, and wrote certain textbooks on these subjects, which are well-known to physicians in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain. Dr. Purdy's many friends in Toronto, Kingston, and other parts of Canada are well pleased at the action of his *alma mater* in conferring on him so high an honor.

THE HEALTH OF LORD SALISBURY.—Lord Salisbury's present indisposition is to be attributed to a desire to return to ordinary habits of work too soon after an attack of influenza. This disease, as is well known, often leaves behind it a condition of lowered health, in which the sufferer, although free from any definite diseases, is yet unable for some time to face the ordinary wear and tear of life. Every man has the fault of his qualities, and Lord Salisbury is one of those who cannot take things easily. So long as he remained officially responsible for the business of the Foreign Office, he felt bound to deal with the more important public business himself, and whenever this involved an interview of any duration with Ministers, secretaries, or other officials, he experienced a rise of temperature. The Cabinet meeting on March 11th was followed by great prostration, and on Saturday he was so seriously ill that more anxiety was felt with regard to his state than at any period of the acute attack. We are glad to be in a position to state that he has steadily improved ever since, and that this improvement was so marked by March 16th that Sir William Broadbent felt justified in allowing Lady Salisbury to leave for Beaulieu. It is fully expected that Lord Salisbury will be able to follow her early next week, when Sir William Broadbent also intends to start for a holiday in Italy. Experience has again and again proved that the only remedy for the depression of health left by influenza is complete rest of body and mind. Sir William Broadbent, therefore, had no alternative but to exercise his authority as a physician to prescribe to his distinguished patient complete abstention from work. It should be added that experience has proved also that real rest is followed by permanent recovery even in men who have reached a far more advanced age than Lord Salisbury. There is therefore every reason to hope that the Prime Minister will return from his holiday completely restored to health.—*Brit. Med. Journal.*