

Deafness in New York Schools.

Superintendent Maxwell, it is said, states that over one-eighth of the children attending the public schools are afflicted with some sort of deafness; of these only some three per cent. are aware of their affliction.

Homewood Sanitarium, Guelph, Ont.

We are pleased to state that this worthy institution has had the most successful year in its history. The Superintendent, Dr. A. T. Hobbs, in his annual report for 1903, stated that one hundred and fifty persons were treated during the year, of whom more than one hundred were new patients. The Sanitarium is now being enlarged with a view to making accommodation for at least one hundred patients at a time.

Cancer Laboratory.

The fourth annual report of the work of the cancer laboratory of the New York State Board of Health, conducted at the Gratiwick Research Laboratory, University of Buffalo, for a period beginning in 1902 and ending in 1903, was transmitted to the Legislature February 1st, 1903. It was sent out in the month of December in the latter year. It contains the report of the Director, Dr. Roswell Park, and several scientific papers, prepared by Drs. Harvey R. Gaylord, Cary N. Calkins, C. H. A. Clowes, Herman C. Matzinger, Irving Phillips Lyon and Roswell Park. These all pertain to investigations bearing on the question of cancer. Many of the papers are illustrated with microscopic sections. It is the most complete exhibition of research work that has been published in the United States, relating to the origin, causes and nature of cancer.

A Lunacy Certificate.

There was a sensational report in some of the Toronto papers recently to the effect that Lucy J. Stickle, of Spadina Road, Toronto, had issued a writ against Doctors Geo. B. Smith and W. T. Bryans, for the recovery of \$10,000 damages. It was also stated that Dr. Clark, the Medical Superintendent of the Toronto Asylum, had decided that the patient was sane and ordered her to be liberated. We understand that up to 17th March, that is, about one week after the appearance of the newspaper item, no such writ had been issued. We understand also that the certificates were given in the regular way after a careful examination, nor was there any difference of opinion between Dr. Clark and the physicians who certified to the lunacy. It is stated, however, that the relatives of Mrs. Stickle are not satisfied with the actions of either the doctors mentioned or the authorities at the Asylum, and that Mrs. Stickle has been removed from the Asylum.