

be asked from the legislature, now in session. The inmates are given a thorough mental training, and there is also an industrial department. A number were so improved during the year as to warrant their discharge.

#### Baltimore.

THE ANNUAL dance of the nurses of the Maryland University Hospital was held on the 5th inst. Luncheon was served.

AN APPROPRIATION of \$576 has been allowed the Health Department for the purchase of diphtheria antitoxin.

MR. CHARLES ADLER has given the Hebrew Orphan Asylum and Hebrew Hospital each \$500 in memory of his wife, who died recently.

THE UNIVERSITY of Maryland has 318 students in its medical school with 200 dental and the same number of law students. The Woman's Medical College has 22 enrolled.

WORK in the chemical laboratory of the Johns Hopkins University, recently burned, was resumed on the 4th inst., the building having been temporarily repaired.

#### THE FLINT CLUB.

The Flint Club, composed of physicians, and named after the late Prof. Austin Flint, held its annual meeting and banquet on the 4th inst., Dr. James Bosley presiding. Speeches were made by the Mayor of Baltimore and others. The club never elects officers, the members filling the various offices in alphabetic order. Meetings are held once a month, and during the year each member is required to tell a story, write a poem or sing a song. No words of over four syllables can be used in any of these.

#### ABOLISHMENT OF HEALTH DISINFECTORS.

In the sweeping retrenchments made by the new administration of Baltimore, many offices are being abolished and salaries being cut down. Among the abolished positions are those of the disinfectors of the Health Department. The mayor directs that the work of disinfection be done hereafter by the sanitary inspectors. The health commissioner urges that the work now devolving on the latter occupies their time fully and renders it impossible for them to assume any additional duties. They now inspect nuisances, prosecute cases, and take charge of the city's sick. The mayor insists that they assume also the work of disinfection, as was done prior to 1895.

## Correspondence.

#### Trip to Paris.

OTTAWA, ILL., Jan. 10, 1899.

*To the Editor:* The committee having in charge the proposed European excursion for the Illinois, Iowa and Missouri state medical societies has just completed its arrangements for the ocean voyage. We shall place our party in charge of Hon. Frank C. Clark, of New York City, who has had a large and successful experience in conducting tourists all over the world. We have assured ourselves that all accommodations will be first-class; and that everything will be done to make the trip an ideal one. The steamship *City of Rome* has been chartered for our party, and will sail from New York, June 30, 1900. The main trip will occupy thirty-eight days, at a cost of \$260, all necessary expenses included. Or if a more extended trip is desired, provision is made for a week in Switzerland and down the Rhine for \$70 additional; also a fourteen-day trip through Italy for \$100 additional. Tickets are good for one year.

The European tourist next year will be subjected to more than the usual crowding on steamers, at hotels, extortions and annoyances which detract so much from the pleasure of a tour in foreign countries. These we have anticipated and provided against. No more passengers will be booked than can be comfortably accommodated.

For further particulars, address, J. W. PETTIT, M.D., Member of Committee of Arrangements for Illinois State Medical Society.

#### Quackery in West Virginia.

CLARKSEURG, W. VA., Jan. 5, 1900.

*To the Editor:* The physicians of this state are making a determined fight against all forms of quackery. We are not making any criticisms in regard to any system of medicine,

but are desirous of requiring all who practice medicine to conform to the laws of our state. For the past two years we have had a great deal of trouble with osteopaths and "Christian Science" practitioners, inasmuch as they refuse to take the examination, claiming that they are not practicing medicine. The statute of our state is very plain, and we now have an indictment against these people which we are desirous of pushing to the bitter end. Will you or your readers send me any court decisions bearing directly or indirectly on matters of this and similar character? Should any be sent by express, please send via the United States Express Co., if that be practicable. I am willing to pay all expenses in connection with procuring evidence of this character. Thanking you for your kindness, I am,

Yours very truly, M. P. GOFF, M.D.

[We would refer our correspondent to the decision against one of the current fads in another part of this issue.—Ed.]

#### Pathologic Exhibit of A. M. A.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3, 1900.

*To the Editor:*—My attention has been called to the proposition to establish a national pathologic exhibit in connection with the meetings of the AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, and I write you to say that I most heartily concur in the belief that it would prove of interest and value to the members of the ASSOCIATION.

This Hospital has a large number of interesting pathologic specimens which we will gladly furnish to assist in such an exhibit, and I am sure there are many similar institutions throughout the country that would be able to contribute matter of decided value and interest also. I hope that all those interested in the subject of pathology will co-operate to make this proposed departure a success, and creditable to the AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION,

Very truly yours,

A. B. RICHARDSON, M.D.,

Superintendent Government Hospital for the Insane.

#### Canada.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

TORONTO, Jan. 6, 1900.

DR. MINNIE GOMERY will leave Montreal shortly as a medical missionary for India.

THE TRUSTEES of Notre Dame Hospital, Montreal, are contemplating the erection of a new building possessing all the most modern and approved appliances.

DR. RUTTAN, registrar of the medical faculty of McGill, has returned to Montreal after inspecting the teaching appliances in the medical colleges in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

A YOUNG man in Toronto has gone insane over the war in South Africa.

DR. JAMES BELL, Montreal, will read the address in surgery at the next meeting of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia, to be held at Amherst, July 4 and 5, 1900.

DR. MAUDE E. ABBOTT, assistant curator, pathologic museum McGill University, has left on a visit of inspection to some of the medical museums of the United States, including New York, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia.

WHILE carrying a bottle of ether to the sink in a Toronto engraving house, a young man had occasion to pass the furnace. The heat from the furnace ignited the bottle of ether and the man was very badly burned about the face, arms and shoulders.

#### TORONTO VITAL STATISTICS.

The vital statistics for this city during the year 1899 show a decrease of 115 births and an increase of 423 deaths over the figures of the preceding year. Marriages show an increase of 145. The birth-rate of Toronto is now at the figures recorded ten years ago. The totals for 1899 are: births, 4007; marriages, 1841; deaths, 3294.

#### ASYLUM AT FALCONWOOD, P. E. I.

Before the final report of the commission of inquiry into the irregularities at the P. E. I. provincial asylum has been handed in to the government, the visiting superintendent, Dr. Blanchard, who has had the medical supervision of this institution for the past twenty-five years, has been dismissed by the government, his dismissal to take effect in February.