

Society Reports.

ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The twentieth annual meeting of this Association was held in the Normal School buildings, Toronto, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 6th and 7th of June, 1900.

The meeting was called to order on the morning of the first day at 10.30 a.m., by Dr. Adam H. Wright, of this city, the 1st Vice-President, who stated that, owing to the death of their President since the last meeting, it would be necessary for the Association to elect his successor.

Dr. Wright then vacated the chair, which was voted to Dr. R. A. Pyne, who called for nominations for the position of President.

Dr. Adam H. Wright was unanimously elected President amidst much enthusiasm, and, after expressing his sincere thanks for the honor, called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting. These were unanimously adopted.

The report of the Committee on Papers and Business followed. It was presented by the chairman of that committee, Dr. A. A. Macdonald. Adopted.

Dr. Allen Baines, the chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, presented a verbal report, setting forth the entertainment provided for the members of the Association during the progress of the meeting.

READING OF PAPERS AND DISCUSSIONS THEREON.

The Use of Morphia in Puerperal Eclampsia. (See page 359.)

Dr. David Hoig, Oshawa, read a paper on this subject, stating that his experience with eclampsia dated almost from his first obstetrical case in practice, and in this he was forced to use morphia from the severity of the convulsions, and with very gratifying results. He recited the history of eight cases, in three of which there was no history of any renal insufficiency. The case of a young woman in the eighth month of pregnancy was cited, in which the bromide and chloral treatment was first tried, but failed. He then used one-fourth of a grain of morphia, but this also failed. The temperature was 104 and the pulse 150. Delivery was effected. Severe hemorrhage followed, succeeded by two very severe convulsions, both of which were fully controlled by one-third grain injections of morphia. Dr. Hoig has always made it a practice to examine the urine from time to time and he has frequently noticed albumen present,