

selected from among ordinary members in some suitable way, or therefrom by government appointment, a certain number as an executive of the health institution and called the Council. This scheme had been submitted to the members of the committee, and nine out of twelve of them had replied. None of them had dissented, and some had expressed their warm approval. The chairman had been in communication with Hon. Mr. Pope and Mr. John Lowe, and any suggestions the association would make would receive every attention at their hands. The institution would be supported under the patronage of the Dominion Government, for the purpose of diffusing information and educating the people. This was almost its sole object. They should avoid the name of board or bureau, and use the word institute, like the English Sanitary Institutè. The other name would give an idea of coercing power, which was not the idea of the committee.

On motion of Dr. Mullin, the report was referred back to the committee to be more fully considered at another time.

Dr. Ross said the Committee on Publication had no report to make, as no publications had been issued.

The following nominating Committee was then appointed—Drs. Roddick, Kennedy and Rodger, Montreal; Adams, Wright and Sheard, Toronto; Campbell, Seaforth; Tye, Chatham; Earl, St. John; Sullivan, Kingston; Mullin, Hamilton; Wishart, London; Harrison, Selkirk; and Dr. Bray, of Chatham, the mover.

The chairman appointed the following gentlemen officers for the sections:—Medical Section—chairman, Dr. Thorburn; secretary, Dr. Burt Surgical Section—chairman, Dr. Roddick; secretary, Dr. Tye.

The meeting then adjourned till two o'clock.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The President, Dr. SULLIVAN, resumed the chair shortly after two o'clock, and after inviting Dr. Worthington, of Clinton, Ont., to a seat on the platform in addition to those to whom he had extended the invitation at the morning session, proceeded to deliver the following

#### ANNUAL ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN OF THE DOMINION MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND GENTLEMEN,—It is with feelings of no ordinary diffidence and trepidation, I assure you, that I assume the exalted position your generosity

prompted you to confer on me, and these are increased to embarrassment, when I view the unusual circumstances attending our meeting to-day. The time the place, above all, the presence of so many distinguished strangers, all unite to render it the most memorable in our brief annals; and, while I feel as proud as any one possibly could to fill so honorable a position, I feel bound to acknowledge that my anxiety for the honor of Canadian medicine makes me wish that some of the Nestors of the profession had assumed this portion of my duties. However I feel I shall be sustained by that small but honored number who, in their zeal and devotion to science, as well as in the inspiration of a pure and noble patriotism, founded this organization and watched over its infancy, and whose fostering care guided it to a healthy adolescence. Be assured, gentlemen, the generous spirit which prompted you to place me in this position in preference to many others better entitled, is fully appreciated, and will constantly nerve me to greater effort. I feel the profession has no higher honor to give, and if I cannot add to its laurels will take care to return it as bright and unsullied as I received it from you.

Gentlemen, eighteen years ago the scattered political divisions of this great territory, feeling their isolation was unnatural, and actuated by that spirit of ambition without which a nation, equally as an individual, is dead, and, moreover, anxious to more fully test the solidity, enterprise and capacity of the monarchical principle of government, under which they had grown and prospered, felt that the time had arrived when united they would form the nucleus of a great nation, that no longer the barriers of prejudice and provincialism should separate them and retard their growth. Accordingly animated by such sentiments, without passion, blood-shed or battles, they joined hands, and, in a manner becoming the eldest children of Great Britain, consummated a union in as pleasant and joyful a manner as a marriage ceremony; Full of peace and goodwill to all they stood up in their might, and in the consciousness of a healthy maturity demanded admission to the comity of nations. Never before in the history of the world had such a scene been witnessed. It was a proud day for even the greatness of Britain to acknowledge the grandest epoch in the history of her great colonial progress and the greatest tribute ever paid to the free, liberal institutions of England. No sooner had this been accomplished than the medical profession, representing to a large extent