

TWO IMPORTANT CONVENTIONS.

We call attention to the programme of the Ontario Medical Association, which meets in Toronto on May 27th to 30th. The attendance should be large. We regard the Ontario Medical Association as one of the sturdiest and best in Canada. Arrange for a few days away from practice and make this gathering your objective.

The other association is the combined meeting of the Canadian Public Health Association and the Ontario Health Officers' Association, which is to be held in Toronto on 26th, 27th and 28th May. This meeting should also receive the cordial support of the profession.

THE MEDICAL FREEDOM LEAGUE.

The following comes by press despatch from Ottawa:—

"The Medical Freedom League of Ottawa was formed in the Y. M. C. A. last night with H. G. Barber as president and Rev. J. M. Adlard as secretary. Determining to resist any attack on health or liberty in the form of compulsory vaccination, the meeting went further and declared for a medical freedom. Medical domination in public affairs was characterized as both evil and tyrannous, and the claims on behalf of the vaccination were refuted and denied."

The foregoing is in keeping with anti-vaccination and anti-vivisection societies. In such movements there has usually been found a maximum of sentiment and a minimum of knowledge. In the case of vaccination against smallpox, the statements of Alfred Russell Wallace are continuously quoted, and yet his statements have many times been refuted. It would be a good thing if such persons were compelled to take a course of study on the value of typhoid fever vaccine, as an example.

SEX EDUCATION.

This subject has received much attention in recent years. It will not down. There is a growing desire on the part of the young mind for information, and the important thing is that the information be proper and safe. Before the Teachers' Association, Dr. Withrow voiced the following views:

He believed that this instruction could be given in a perfectly safe manner. An outstanding objection to the present state of affairs was that children were finding out these fundamental facts regarding the origin of life in an improper and unwholesome manner. The abnormal curiosity of the child would be developed either rightly or wrongly, according to the character of the knowledge he acquired of the origin of life. Many a tragedy would be averted, he believed, if careful judg-