

"We, the undersigned physicians residing and practising in the town of Trenton, Ont., do hereby pledge our honor not to enter into any contract with any society, club, lodge, company, or corporation, to give medical attendance, advice, or medicine to the members thereof for any stated period at a fixed rate per member, or for a lump sum per annum; or to do what is commonly known as 'lodge doctoring,' or to give our professional services to such on any other terms than to the general public; providing that this agreement does not affect existing contracts terminating at the end of the current year."

At a subsequent meeting, Drs. J. T. McKenzie and H. H. Hawley were present, and supported both the spirit and letter of the resolution.

Under date of November 1st, 1893, the document was signed by the following gentlemen: A. R. Macdonald, A.B., M.D.; John A. Stevenson, M.D.; J. B. Moran, M.D.; J. T. McKenzie, M.D.; Thos. J. Moher, M.D.; Geo. Acheson, M.A., M.B.; H. H. Hawley, M.D., M.R.C.S.

One individual who was present at the first meeting, and signified his entire accord with what was being done, for reasons best known to himself, has since refused to sign. However, those who attached their signature have decided that the resolution is binding.

The medical profession in Trenton, therefore, is making an attempt to get rid of the evil of contract work, and we hope that throughout the province an earnest effort will be made to set this matter right.

It was further unanimously agreed not to make examinations for life insurance in any company or fraternal benefit society for a fee of less than two dollars.

I have been requested, as secretary, to forward this communication to your journal.

Yours respectfully,

Trenton, Ont., Nov. 21st, 1893.

GEO. ACHESON.

## Book Reviews.

SELECTED PAPERS IN GYNECOLOGY AND OBSTETRICS. By Dr. Berry Hart, M.D., F.R.C.P., etc., late president Edinburgh Obstetrical Society. Edinburgh and London: W. & A. K. Johnston, 1893.

Dr. Berry Hart is known to Canadians chiefly through the Manual of Gynecology published by himself and Dr. A. H. Barbour. As a rule, less is known about many of his most valuable lectures and papers which have been published in British medical journals, chiefly in the *Edinburgh Medical Journal*. Many of them are in advance of the times, while all will rank with the best