

And reports from the chairmen of the following committees :

On Surgery, Dr. Richardson, Toronto.

On Obstetrics, Dr. Ross, Toronto.

On Medicine, Dr. George Ross, Montreal.

On Medical Literature, Dr. Howard, Montreal.

On Climatology, Dr. Marsden, Quebec.

On Therapeutics, new remedies, &c., Dr. Fulton, Toronto.

On Necrology, Dr. Osler, Montreal.

Gentlemen intending to read Papers will oblige by at once notifying the general secretary, mentioning the titles thereof, in order that they may be added to the list.

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We published in our March number an interesting and from a medico-legal stand-point a very important case of Rupture of the Vagina during coïtus. The woman was a patient under Dr. Ross, in the General Hospital, and was seen by several other members of the staff. Although we have every reason to regard the case as reliable in all particulars, yet it is evidently looked upon as apocryphal by some of our contemporaries. Says *L'année Médicale* (de Caen) in copying the report: "We have read of the classical adventure of the American who had fractured his penis the night of his marriage—we now present the companion-picture, strange to say, from America also," and continues, "we can only wonder at the extraordinary vigor of that old man and the bad use he made of it." Thus any statement at all beyond the common, coming from a Canadian source is branded as *American*, and then treated suspiciously as regards its truthfulness—or, as our American cousins themselves would say, *discounted* pretty largely.

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### CORONER'S INQUESTS.

We have again and again alluded to the slipshod manner in which coroner's inquests are conducted in this Province. It matters very little indeed in the majority of cases how these inquiries are conducted. The Coroner has considerable discre-