

Meetings of Medical Societies.

CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, the 22nd and 23rd of August, at St. John, N.B. The profession of that city are making elaborate preparations for a large meeting. It is said an excursion up the river from St. John will be one of the attractions.

The following are some of the papers promised: "Cases in Practice," R. J. McKechnie, Nanaimo, B.C.; "A Year's Experience in Appendicitis," Jas. Bell, Montreal; "A Case of Tuberculosis of Arm, of Fourteen Years' Standing Cured by Inoculation with Erysipelas," W. S. Muir, Truro, N.S.; "The Treatment of Diseases of the Ovaries and Fallopian Tubes," A. Laphorn Smith, Montreal; "Intestinal Antisepsis in Typhoid Fever," D. A. Campbell, Halifax, N.S.; "The Use and Abuse of the Various Caustic Agents in the Treatment of Nasal Affections," E. A. Kirkpatrick, Halifax, N.S.; "The Present Status of Asthenopia," F. B. . . . Montreal; "Eye-Strain Headaches," J. H. . . . rison, St. John, N.B.; "Note on Epilepsy," . . . Hattie, Halifax, N.S.; "Influence of Mind on Disease," J. A. McLeay, Watford, Ont.; "Miner's Heart," R. A. H. MacKeew, Cow Bay, Cape Breton, N.S.; "ADDRESS IN SURGERY," J. F. Black, Halifax, N.S.; "Some Functional Derangements of the Liver," J. E. Graham, Toronto; "Treatment of Certain Forms of Uterine Hæmorrhage," F. T. Bibby, Port Hope; "ADDRESS IN MEDICINE," Wm. Bayard, St. John, N.B.; "Ophthalmic and Aural Cases," Stephen Dodge, Halifax, N.S., E. A. Præger, Nanaimo, B.C.; "Lengthened Sitzings in Litholopaxy," J. Francis Teed, Dorchester, N.B.; "Some Points in the Treatment of Typhoid Fever," W. H. B. Aikins, Toronto; "The Prevention of Tuberculosis," P. R. Inches, St. John, N.B.; "Therapeutics of Hermaglobin," A. B. MacCallum, Toronto; "Inter Scapulo-Thoracic Amputation"; "Removal of a Large Euchardroma of the Pelvis," F. I. Shepherd, Montreal.

Gentlemen intending to contribute papers should communicate with the secretary at an early date.

It is desirable that an abstract of the paper be made and forwarded to the Secretary at least three weeks before the date of meeting.

Papers will be read in the order in which they are received.

The return fare by railway to St. John will be less than a fare and a third, providing there are fifty or more persons holding standard certificates. *It is necessary to obtain the certificate at the station of departure.*

REPORT OF THE CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Canadian Medical Association, after a lapse of twenty years, returned to the old city of St. John, N.B., to hold its annual meeting. The proceedings were presided over by Dr. T. S. Harrison, of Selkirk, Ontario.

After the routine business of opening and presenting of delegates, Dr. Hattie, of Halifax, was called upon to read the first paper, in which he discussed the Causation of Epilepsy. After discussing the nature of convulsions generally as occurring in different brain levels, he advanced the theory that instead of so much importance being paid to the question of heredity, he inclined to the belief that it occurred *de novo*—that what is ordinarily signified by epilepsy was a group of symptoms indicative of systemic disease. This was the result of mal-nourishment, consequent on insufficient removal of the toxic material, which, as an irritant, tended to instability of the cerebral cells.

He reported his results of an interesting series of experiments he had made upon the epileptics in Halifax hospital for the insane. This consisted in the record of the number of fits occurring using KBr with an intestinal antiseptic, the improvement over the use of KBr alone being marked.

Dr. Muir then gave the history of a case of tuberculosis of the arm between the elbow and the wrist, which had been in existence for some fourteen years with all the typical symptoms (the tubercle bacillus being present), which after being scraped, developed erysipelas and followed by complete cure. Dr. Shepherd reported a case of cancer cured in this way. Dr. Cameron said he had tried to inoculate some cases of malignant growths with the germ of erysipelas but had failed to get it to work, probably because the sarcomatous germs overcome the invaders. Sir Jas. Grant said that he had seen whooping cough very materi-