

tended knowledge of the more prevalent diseases and establishing comprehensive laws relating to public health.

The motion was carried.

EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION.

A communication was read from Ald. Hallam asking the co-operation of the Association in petitioning the Legislature for the abolition of tax exemption. As it was shown that the subject was one which did not come within the objects of the Association the letter was laid on the table.

PAPERS.

The papers which were to have been read by Dr. Yeomans, of Mount Forest, and Dr. Oldright, were, at the request of those gentlemen, not read because of the lateness of the hour.

Dr. REEVE, Toronto, read an interesting paper on

OTOLOGY,

giving a review of the growth of this department of surgery, and the improvements in it to the present day. The paper was illustrated by the exhibition of a complete armamentum of otological instruments and a description of their uses.

After a few remarks by Dr. ROSEBRUGH, a vote of thanks was tendered to Dr. Reeve for his paper.

VOTE OF THANKS.

The President then left the chair, after which the thanks of the Association were, on motion of Dr. Sweetland, seconded by Dr. Workman, presented to Dr. Hodder for his conduct in the chair.

Dr. TRENHOLME moved the thanks of the members of the Association for the reception they had given to their visitors.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously by the members.

On motion of Dr. WORKMAN, seconded by Dr. Roseburgh, votes of thanks were passed to the General Secretary, Dr. David, and the Treasurer, Dr. Robillard.

The Association then adjourned.

APPOINTMENTS.

J. B. Mills, M.D., of Springfield, to be an Associate Coroner in and for the County of Elgin.

J. Robinson, M.D., of Fort Francis, to be Commissioner, *per dedimus potestatem*, for the District of Thunder Bay.

Jas. B. Campbell, of the village of Belmont, Esq., M.D., to be an Associate Coroner, in and for the County of Middlesex.

Miscellaneous.

A Russian traveller, Colonel Prejevalsky, who has recently penetrated into the interior of Mongolia, has obtained most conclusive evidence as to the character of medicinal rhubarb. It seems settled, from his observations, that the root is that of *Rheum palmatum*.—*Chemist and Druggist*.

SALICYLIC ACID IN DIPHTHERIA.—Dr. J. Lewis Smith has within the past few months been testing the efficacy of salicylic acid to check the blood changes in diphtheria. The result of his observations is that it is obviously without avail, even in cases where there is tendency to renal complication and where it was supposed most good would result.

ALCOHOL.—A patient suffering from alcoholism stoutly refused to take bromide of potassium or any other "confounded medicine." Twenty grains were dissolved in a glass of milk, which he drank readily. Since then I find that twenty grains are entirely disguised by one ounce of milk. I have also found milk a very useful liquid to "wash down" salicylic acid wafers. It has always in my hands prevented the burning in the stomach which is so often produced when the acid is given in large and oft-repeated doses.

COMMUNUTED FRACTURE OF THE ULNA ; AMPUTATION ; TREATMENT BY THE OPEN METHOD ; OBJECTION TO IT.—A workman in a planing-mill received an extensive injury to the ulna and muscles by having his arm dragged within the rollers. On admission to hospital the ulna was found shattered to within three inches of the olecranon. Amputation at the elbow was performed by the house surgeon, Dr. C. P. Smith, and stump allowed to remain open. The case did well ; but, when it was considered proper to bring the flaps together, it was found that they were too long, and a portion of them had to be removed. It would seem that one marked objection to the open method of treating stumps consists in the uncertainty of estimating the proper amount of flap to make in