

investigate charges made against several registered practitioners in Ontario.

The list of officers will be found on another page of this issue.

THE ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of this body on the 5th and 6th ult. was without doubt the most interesting and successful that has yet been held. The numbers in attendance—217—attest the wide-spread influence the Society is now exerting. A feature of the meeting was the interest taken in the very excellent papers read and the instructive discussions thereon, the latter being, we think, a measure of the progress medical and surgical knowledge is making in Ontario. The President's address which we give *in extenso* in this number, was a carefully prepared, thoughtful exposition of some of the most interesting points pertaining to the duties and interests of the profession of to-day. It may be said indeed that Dr. Henderson made an excellent officer, the success of the meeting being largely due to the excellent organization displayed, for which he as President, and Dr. Wishart as Secretary, deserve the warmest thanks of every member of the Association.

The division into Medical and Surgical sections enabled a great amount of work to be done; the only drawback being that many interesting papers were being read and discussed synchronously, a drawback which, however, cannot be avoided owing to the non-ubiquitous nature of even medical men. Discussion on ethics, also on subjects generally outside of actual professional work, was limited, every one seeming to have been in good humor. The presence of several American gentlemen of reputation in the ranks of the profession, added greatly to the interest of the meeting. The Association always gladly welcomes these noted strangers, we can hardly call them foreigners; the masonry of medical science making all who come under its palladium brothers, in a scientific sense. It is a pity that more of the said brotherly feelings should not always be shown by practitioners of the art, who happen to live in the same locality, and whose financial interests sometimes clash.

Dr. Powell's bell was an excellent reminder to some, who, in their zeal, forgot that ten minutes was all the time possible to be allowed for any

one member to discuss a given subject. The experiment is worthy of further trial.

We would like to urge upon our readers who are not yet members of the Association, the advantages to be gained by such meetings as this one. We noted the subject in an editorial of a few months ago, and need not recapitulate. Suffice it to say that not only is science advanced, but the interest of the profession as a whole, and of each individual member of it are well attended to by such means. The officers elected were such as to meet with the general approval of the Association. The highest honor, that of the presidency, was very fittingly bestowed upon Dr. J. A. Temple, of Toronto. This choice is a matter of congratulation to the Association. Dr. Temple is perhaps as widely known and generally respected as any man in the profession in Canada, and we are sure will with his accustomed zeal and energy make an efficient officer, under whom the best interest of the Association will be advanced.

DIETERY OF CHILDREN DURING THE HOT SEASON.

The annually recurrent heated term, so dangerous to the very young, is again upon us. Although the temperature of the past month did not reach its average altitude, yet it is to be feared the present month may not pass without its usual exorbitant demands on the health and lives of our little ones, and that many homes may be desolated by summer diarrhoea. Therefore, although we may have nothing new to offer, we may refresh the memories of many by calling their attention to the supreme importance of regimen, especially as to diet, in this trouble. We no longer regard the malady as inflammatory in its origin, to be treated by antiphlogistics; nor as the name indicates, wholly an excessive secretion, to be restrained by astringents. Less medication, and more hygiene, less drugs, and more judicious diet have proved more successful. Experience has taught us the value of sanitary environment prior to the knowledge of the microbe and its deleterious influence; as also the necessity of scrupulous care in the diet. The insanitary conditions such as overcrowding, atmospheric impurity, with elevated temperature, are predisposing causes which cannot always be obviated; and when there are added to these, im-