

some arrangement could be made whereby Digby County could join the Society and enlarge its borders.

Dr. Morse very kindly invited the Society to meet the next time at Digby, and on motion this invitation was accepted.

The evening session was a particularly agreeable one from the presence of four of the leading practitioners of Halifax, who had very kindly consented to present papers, and the following programme was enjoyed by all.

Dr. Mathers' paper was a very careful, practical, and "up-to-date" treatise of the subject, and will be published in *News*.

Dr. Birt gave a very exhaustive paper on the subject of blood pressure, with exhibition of blood pressure instruments, and this or a similar paper will be published in the *News*.

Dr. Chisholm, with other very interesting things in Gangrene, spoke very entertainingly and gave a very clear review of a very marked case of Arteritis, followed by thrombosis—

post influenzal—of the popliteal artery with subsequent amputation of the limb, in a very prominent man in public life—with recovery.

Dr. D. A. Campbell read a short paper, entitled "Therapeutic Notes." The paper was prefaced by some general remarks on rational and empirical therapeutics, symptomatic measures and the use of remedies in combination. He expressed the view that the young doctor of to-day was not so well equipped with palliative weapons as were the practitioners of a generation ago. Pharmacology as now taught encouraged scepticism, Pharmacy did not receive sufficient attention, especially dispensing and the theory and art of prescribing; hence the manufacturing chemist was reaping large profits. He then related his experience with opium, massive doses of pot iodide, antimonials, etc., etc.

A hearty vote of thanks was given the Halifax doctors and the Canning doctors, who so cordially received the visitors.

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THE meetings of the St. John Medical Society during the spring months were up to the standard of previous reports.

April 13—Dr. W. F. Robert, Insurance Examination:—The doctor discussed the question from the standpoint of first, Examiner; second, the Applicant; third, the Company. He thought that if a committee of physicians could be appointed to make out a standard examination blank suitable for all companies, it would facilitate examinations. The papers now in

vogue are not satisfactory, due to lack of space.

Dr. C. M. Pratt—Paper, Health Statistics:—Dr. Pratt contends that Vital Statistics should be kept by the Province, made from the reports of the municipalities. The death rate, from all diseases, in Vancouver, B. C., is 13.059; London, Ont., 13.28; Montreal, Que., 22.03, and St. John, N. B., 15.

April 27—Paper, Dr. L. M. Curren, Auto-Intoxication:—Dr. Curren advocates the use of cold drinks and the application of cold in preference to heat.