

for any special time. Those who have had much experience in such matters will realize how seriously a possibility or probability of such accusations would handicap the efforts of the officers in preparing a programme.

On the second day the attendance was large, reaching about one hundred. Montreal, as usual, sent a large contingent. Toronto, among outside places, stood a good second. The western part of Ontario was only fairly represented. From more distant parts the numbers were small, but those present extended a warm welcome to Dr. Chown, of Winnipeg, and Dr. Milne, of Victoria, B. C.

It was decided to hold the next meeting in London. Some thought that if the World's Fair were not postponed, it might be arranged in such a way that many could attend the meeting and go on to Chicago afterwards. Even without the big fair, it was thought an excellent place because of its position as a centre of a large and flourishing district. Dr. Sheard has done good service to the association in the past, and his unanimous election to the presidency gives general satisfaction. The following is a complete list of the officers:

*President:* Dr. Chas. Sheard, Toronto. *Vice-Presidents:* Ontario, Dr. Wisbart, London; Quebec, Dr. Shepherd, Montreal; British Columbia, Dr. Milne, Victoria; Manitoba, Dr. Chown, Winnipeg; Northwest Territories, Dr. Kennedy, Fort McLeod; Nova Scotia, Dr. Lindsay, Halifax; New Brunswick, Dr. Daniel, St. John; Prince Edward Island, Dr. McLeod, Charlottetown. *Local Secretaries:* Ontario, Dr. Waugh, London; Quebec, Dr. Desrosiers, Montreal; British Columbia, Dr. Lefebvre, Vancouver; New Brunswick, Dr. Mc McLaren, St. John; Nova Scotia, Dr. Morrow, Halifax; Prince Edward Island, Dr. F. B. Taylor, Charlottetown; Northwest Territories, Dr. Cotton, Regina; Manitoba, Dr. Milroy, Portage la Prairie. *General Secretary:* H. S. Birkett, Montreal. *Treasurer:* W. H. B. Aikins, Toronto.

The profession of Ottawa were very kind in entertaining the visitors. They gave a conversazione on the first evening in the Russell House, which passed off very pleasantly. On the second evening the members' dinner was given, also in the Russell House. About eighty seats were occupied, and all appeared to enjoy themselves.—*Canad. Pract.*

HOW LONG SHOULD A CONVALESCENT FROM DIPHTHERIA BE ISOLATED?—In one case the patient was supposed to be well, and made a visit to a relative in Boston nine days from the date of his "getting up." One week after his arrival a child in the family was attacked with diphtheria, and died. An outbreak of diphtheria in a hotel at Nantucket followed the arrival of a person just recovered from diphtheria, and pronounced well by the attending physician. One of these cases, when supposed to be well, carried it to a hotel in town. Three cases of diphtheria in one family closely followed the advent of a nurse who had just come from attendance on a fatal case.

I think that evidence goes to show that poison is retained in the mucous membrane longer than is generally considered to be the case. In lieu of definite knowledge, I have adopted the arbitrary rule of advising quarantine precautions for one week after the patient appears to be perfectly free from disease. This seems to be a fairly safe rule and one that is desirable.—*Boston M. and S. Journ.*

VEGETARIAN DIET.—Dujardin-Beaumont claims that this diet thoroughly subserves alimentation of the organism; the best proof of which is furnished by the poor peasants, who do not eat meat, yet they are strong and healthy. This diet is of therapeutic importance in certain diseases. A vegetable diet limits to a minimum the production of toxins, such as neurin, muscarin, etc. It is indicated in insufficient functional activity of the kidneys and alimentary canal; indeed, in all similar conditions where