

## THE REAL "PUBLIC HEALTH" WORK OF THE ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The recent meeting of this Association was not marked by a large proportion of work specially relating to the public health ; not so much indeed as the meeting of last year, or as those of late years of the Canada Medical Association. We regret this, and trust there will be more at next year's meeting. A valuable paper bearing closely upon it—"Bacilli of Phthisis," by Dr. Graham, was read, and discussed at great length. Dr. Cassidy read a paper upon "Typhoid Fever," referring to special cases. One by Dr. Covernton, a "Translation on the New Microbes" was, unfortunately, passed over in some way ; and it is to be regretted that the one on the important subject of vaccination, published in another part of this JOURNAL, was not read for the purpose of discussion, and getting the feeling of members upon this prophylactic. Indeed, we must say that the programme of papers at the meeting of this Association has not been usually carried out in a fair, and the customary way.

The report on public health, for the preparation of which credit is due chiefly to Dr. Oldright, drew attention to the work of the past year, and urged the importance of municipal boards, and of teaching hygiene more generally in the public schools, in place of other less important subjects. The report included a paper on local boards, by Dr. Oldright, which was read by him, the report proper being read by the Chairman, Dr. Playter. It referred specially to the success of the health delegation at Ottawa in December, and to the cordial reception accorded by Sir Charles, and Hon. Mr. Pope, and to the most agreeable private reception given by the latter honorable gentleman to the delegates after the meeting.

Some questions on the use of alcoholic liquors, submitted to the Association by the "Ontario Women's Christian Association," who desired an expression of collective medical opinion thereon, and which had been referred to the public health committee, were referred, owing to want of time, to a special committee afterwards appointed, consisting of Drs. Burritt, Buchan, Workman, Geo. Wright, and Playter, who were desired to consider and report upon the same at the next meeting.

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THERE are now twenty-three towns in Great Britain in which the notification of infectious diseases has been made compulsory.