

prefers that you should take charge of the case I haven't a word to say.' 'Well,' said Dr. Bliss, 'you just try it on. I tell you that you can't do it. I know how you are sneaking around to prescribe for those who have influence and will lobby for you.' 'That is a lie!' I replied, whereupon he sprang to his feet, and his son coming across the room, placed his hand on his shoulder and said: 'I think I have something to say about this.'

"The impropriety of having any disturbance in a room next to that in which the President lay so grievously wounded at once came to my mind, and taking my hat I left the room, and have not since attempted to visit the President. I believe, as do other members of the profession in this city, that the treatment I received was discourteous in the extreme, and that in making the request I was fully justified by the code of medical ethics of the American Medical Association.

"I had no desire or intention to dispense with the medical services of Dr. Bliss in the case, but thought, as I was the physician of the President, I had a right to see him and take part in his treatment."

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FOR QUINTE AND CATARAQUI.

On Friday, 12th August, a meeting of the medical gentlemen of the "Quinté and Cataraqui Division" met in the town of Picton, by appointment of Dr. H. W. Day, the Territorial Representative, for the purpose of establishing a Medical Association in said division.

Resolutions for the organization of the Association were adopted in accordance with the provisions of the "Ontario Medical Act."

Officers for the remainder of the year were elected as follows:—President, Dr. H. W. Day; Vice-President, Drs. Platt, Burdette, Metcalf, Beeman; Local Secretary for Quinté, Dr. Farley; for Cataraqui, Dr. Henderson; General Secretary and Treasurer for the Association, Dr. A. C. Bowerman, Bloomfield.

Dr. Wm. Canniff, of Toronto, delivered an able and interesting address on the "Destiny of Canada," before the York Pioneers, at their annual picnic, August 17th.

ANTISEPTIC OVARIOTOMY.

Listerism has lost its mainstay in abdominal surgery since it has now to be told that Keith, of Edinburgh, has at length abandoned its practice in ovariectomy in consequence of two deaths in his hands clearly traceable to carbolic acid poisoning. It will be remembered that some time ago we recorded Mr. Lawson Tait's recalcitration shortly followed by that of Dr. Bantock, of the Samaritan Hospital. Keith's later defalcation will strike an almost fatal blow to the system in abdominal surgery. He now publishes a series of 46 successive successful cases without the spray to which Tait is able to add a series of thirty-one without a death.

WE heartily congratulate Dr. Billings, of the Surgeon General's department at Washington, upon his most excellent address before the International Medical Congress on "Our Medical Literature," and the high encomiums it elicited on all hands from the English medical press. The *Lancet* says: "No one could have foreseen that out of the material at his disposal he would have compiled an address remarkable even among all those of the past week for its ability, practical value, and wit. The large audience gathered to hear him was held charmed from beginning to end, both by his ever recurring flashes of American humour, and the striking nature of his facts and statistics."

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—The forty-ninth annual meeting of this Association was held at Ryde, in the Isle of Wight, from the 9th to the 12th of August, both inclusive, under the Presidency of Mr. Benjamin Barrow, F.R.C.S. Notwithstanding that the meeting followed immediately upon the International Medical Congress, the attendance exceeded expectation, and the gathering proved a great and complete success. The address on Medicine was delivered by Dr. John Syer Bristowe, that in Surgery by Jonathan Hutchinson, and on Obstetric Medicine by Dr. Sinclair Coghill, of Ventnor. The 1882 meeting, being the Jubilee of the half century, will be held in Worcester, the Association's birth-place; that for 1883, in Liverpool; and for 1884, in Glasgow.