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At his residence, Plattsville, on Friday morning, 20th December, JAMES BURLEY ROUNDS, Esq., M.D., aged 47 years and eight days. Deceased was for 19 years a much esteemed and highly successful physician in the Township of Blenheim, where he enjoyed a large and lucrative practice. His death is very widely and deeply lamented.

At Fenelon Falls, on Saturday, the 21st inst., JAMES FITZGERALD, M.D.C.M., aged twenty-eight years, son-in-law of Mr. James Ramsay, of this city.

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CANADIAN INSTITUTE, MEDICAL SECTION, TORONTO.

TORONTO, Friday, Dec. 20, 1872.

The Chairman, Dr. W. W. Ogden, called the meeting to order, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The nomination of officers for the ensuing year was next taken up, and the following gentlemen were appointed.—Dr. C. B. Hall, Chairman, Dr. Reeve, Secretary, Drs. Roseburgh, Williams and Archibald, Members of Committee.

The subject of a revised tariff of fees was then brought under discussion, the attention of the section being drawn to those in force in Montreal. A Committee, consisting of Drs. Oldright, Coleman and Reeve, was appointed to take the matter into consideration and report at the next meeting. It was suggested that they should see as many members of the profession in the city as possible, with a view of ascertaining their opinions in the matter, so as to secure uniformity of action.

At the close of the meeting Dr. Roseburgh exhibited the workings of a substitute for the stomach pump on the Syphon principle. This is somewhat similar to the one proposed by Dr. Hodgen, Prof. of Anatomy, St. Louis Medical College. (See CANADA LANCET, Vol. iii., page 9) It consists of a stomach tube which is passed down the œsophagus and the extremity introduced into a vessel containing water, if it is desired to wash out the stomach. By elevating the vessel above the level of the stomach the water flows in, and on lowering the vessel below the level of the stomach it flows out again. In this way the stomach can be thoroughly washed out, and any foreign substances it may contain be as completely and effectually removed as by the use of the stomach pump.