

dyce Barker. Dr. Barnes, of London, England, was present, and read a paper.

The Society embraces the representative men from all the great centres of activity. Admission is conditional on approved work. The choice of honorary members is also strict. At present four only have been elected, viz.:—Dr. Robert Barnes and Mr. Spencer Wells for England, Dr. McClintock for Ireland, and Mr. Thomas Keith for Scotland.

BRANT COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of this Association, was held in the Kerby House, Brantford, on Tuesday, Sept. 5th. The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year: Dr. Digby, *President*; Dr. Philip, *Vice-President*; Dr. Harris, *Secretary and treasurer*.

LINDSAY AND BLAKISTON'S VISITING LIST.

Punctually, on time, we have received a copy of this most valuable pocket record, which is now issued for the twenty-seventh time. We consider it "*multum in parvo*," and can most conscientiously recommend it to our readers. We have used it for the past twelve years, and would not be without it for ten times its cost. We could not say more than this in its favor, were we to write a page.

NERVE STRETCHING IN TETANUS.

In a case of tetanus which occurred in the Montreal General Hospital, Dr. Drake cut down upon the sciatic nerve and stretched it. The patient was then put upon chloral hydrate and calabar bean. The operation seemed at first to afford considerable relief to the patient, but after a time the spasms returned and he ultimately died of lockjaw.

MISTAKEN CHARITY.

The British Medical Journal says: "It has for many years been the custom at University College Hospital for the honorary medical staff to resign the whole of the fees paid by the

students of clinical instruction to the Committee of Management, to enable them to defray the expenditure for general purposes. The sum so surrendered during the year 1875 was no less than *two thousand three hundred and forty-four pounds*, or something like one-third of the ordinary income, excluding extraordinary donations, legacies, and interest on investments

POISONING FROM CANNED BEEF.

A scientific commission has completed an investigation of the alleged poisoning of a family by canned corn beef, in New York, and it is gratifying to learn that these experts have decided unanimously that the poison was the result of exposure of the meat after it was uncanned, whereby it became putrid or tainted. They declare that there is nothing deleterious about the canning process, as is abundantly proved by the immense consumption of canned fruits and vegetables without notable cases of injury in any part of the country which cannot be accounted for by some imprudent acts of the consumers.

SINGULARLY SLOW PULSE.

The *Gazette des Hopitaux* states that at the Lariboisiere Hospital a patient, a *chiffonier*, seventy-seven years of age, came in to be treated for hydrocele, in all other respects seeming well and jovial in his manner. It was almost by accident discovered that he had a pulse only of 21. It is regular, the two sounds of the heart and the short interval of silence that separates them occupying scarcely half a second. But the "grand silence" is extraordinarily prolonged, so as to continue nearly two seconds and a half. During this absolutely nothing is heard in the heart—not the slightest soufflé. But with the first sound a very distinct soufflé is heard, which, continuing during the "petit silence," terminates suddenly with the valvular clap which constitutes the second sound. The heart seems large, its apex beating more externally and lower down than in the normal state. There is some emphysema of the lungs. The pulse was counted carefully four days in succession, and the intervals were found to be perfectly equal, and the same on both sides.