

## Meetings of Medical Societies.

### CANADA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Association met in Toronto, on Wednesday, 6th September, at 10 a.m., when the President, Dr. G. E. Fenwick, took the chair. After the report of the Committee of Arrangements, past-Presidents Drs. Workman, Botsford, Canniff, and McDonald took seats beside the chairman. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. It was decided that the President's address should be read at the evening session.

Drs. Brodie and Walker, of Detroit, Elsburg, and Goodwillie, of New York; Dr. Lough, of Bermuda, and Dr. Field, of Barbadoes, were elected members by invitation.

Dr. W. B. Carpenter, of London, England, was present by invitation, and at the request of the President delivered an address in which he took up the subject of general registration. He gave a history of vital statistics in the Mother Country, showed the great work which had been accomplished and urged the vast importance to the Dominion of inaugurating some such system.

Dr. Fulton presented the report of the Committee on Necrology, which announced the death of the following physicians throughout the Dominion during the past year:—Dr. Berryman, Toronto; Dr. T. Mack, St. Catharines; Hon. Dr. Brouse, Ottawa; Dr. N. Fleming, Mildmay; Dr. H. Parsley, Thornbury; Dr. J. A. Purney, Shelburne, N. S.; Dr. A. Robertson, Liverpool, N. S.; Dr. W. G. Middleton, Stella; Dr. N. Munro, Brucefield; Dr. McMichael, Gorrie; Dr. G. Cook, Norwich; Dr. J. Allen, Adolphustown; Dr. J. B. Smith, Jerseyville; Dr. G. Lount, Norwich; Dr. A. J. Whitehead, Toronto; Dr. W. Philp, Manilla; Dr. H. H. Bouller, New Hamburg; Dr. W. Wilson, Dorchester, N. B.; Dr. J. P. Lynn, Toronto; Dr. C. W. Heltz, Chester, N. S.; Dr. A. R. Lander, Frankville; Dr. W. Weir, Merrickville; Dr. H. Yates, Kingston; Dr. H. Orton, Ancaster; Dr. McCay, Blairton; Dr. Munro, Montreal; Dr. F. H. Wright, Toronto; Dr. H. Bingham, Manilla; Dr. A. McKay, Beaverton; Dr. G. W. Campbell,

Montreal; Dr. Maxwell, Bear River; Dr. McIlmurray, Toronto; Dr. H. W. Lloyd, Coldstream; Dr. H. E. Bissett, Hawkesbury; Dr. T. Blackwood, Pakenham; Dr. J. Salmon, Simcoe; Dr. A. Greenlees, Toronto; Dr. R. H. Wright, St. Johns, Que.

Dr. Graham, then read the report from the Committee on Medicine, which appears in this issue.

The following gentlemen were appointed a Nominating Committee:—Drs. Macdonald, of Hamilton; Kennedy, of Toronto; Sweetland, of Ottawa; Rodger, Cameron, and Robillard, of Montreal; and Botsford, of St. John.

### AFTERNOON SESSION—MEDICAL SECTION.

Dr. Macdonald, of Hamilton, Chairman. Dr. Stewart, of Brucefield, Ont., Secretary.

#### ECHINOCOCCUS DISEASE IN AMERICA.

Dr. Osler communicated the results of an inquiry into the prevalence of the affection on this continent, and stated that he had been able to collect from the journals and private sources 61 instances. Drs. Temple and Graham each narrated a case.

#### AXIS TRACTION AND TARNIER'S FORCEPS.

Dr. Cameron, of Montreal, read an elaborate paper on this subject, illustrated by diagrams, etc. The head followed the axis, and the problem to be solved was the best means of assisting nature. Some advocated traction, some leverage, some compression, others a judicious combination. He exhibited different specimens of the forceps, and explained the difference between the *vis a tergo* exerted by nature and the *vis a fronte* of the forceps. There were three kinds of forceps, the straight, the pelvic curved, and the curved with tractors of Tarnier. The advantage of the straight forceps was that they did not interfere with the natural rotation of the head, but a great disadvantage was that when the head was high up the instrument could not fail to come in contact with the coccyx. There was also the liability to slip and injure the perineum and soft parts. The curved forceps were less liable to slip, but the line of traction was not in the axis of the pelvis, and if the instrument was