

## MEETING OF NOVA SCOTIA MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of this Society was held at Kentville, N.S., June 28th and 29th, the Vice-President, Dr. McPherson, of North Sydney, being in the Chair. The meeting was an interesting one and some of the discussions were quite animated.

On the second day the profession of Kings County gave them a luncheon, after a drive to North Mountain. The officers appointed for next year were: President, Dr. W. B. Slayter, of Halifax; 1st Vice-President, Dr. H. B. McPherson, North Sydney; 2nd Vice-President, Dr. H. Shaw, Kentville; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. J. Somers, Halifax. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Truro on the third Wednesday in June, 1883.

## TORONTO MEDICAL SOCIETY.

May 18th, 1882.—The Society met at 8.20, the President, Dr. Geo. Wright, in the chair. After reading of minutes of last meeting the President delivered his inaugural address, in which he reviewed the history of the Society from its inception four years ago, dwelling on the advantages afforded by such an association, for the discussion of all matters of scientific importance to the profession. He deprecated the diffidence sometimes shown by the members in furnishing papers, and expressed the hope that the current year may be one of gratifying prosperity.

Dr. Reeve then read an exhaustive and practical paper on "Diseases of the Eye," a full report of which has appeared in the JOURNAL.

Dr. Cameron exhibited a case of squamopustular syphilide on the forearm of a washer-woman.

Dr. Oldright related a case of paracentesis thoracis, in which there were alarming symptoms, owing to a too rapid exhaustion of the fluid in the pleural cavity.

After some miscellaneous business the Society adjourned.

June 1st, 1882.—The Society met at 8.25, the President in the chair.

Drs. Sweetnam, Stark, and Riordan, were elected members of the Society.

Dr. McPhedran read a paper on acute peritonitis, treating of the etiology and treatment. —(Vide p. 262.)

Dr. Macdonald exhibited an instrument devised for twisting wire sutures in places difficult of access.

Dr. Oldright presented to the Society the photograph and notes of a pathological specimen, shown at the Ontario Medical Association, June, 1881.

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## Miscellaneous.

SMALLPOX IN BIRDS AND POULTRY.—The *Pittsburgh Medical Journal* states that Dr. Hewson, of Philadelphia, has traced the source of cases of smallpox to the English sparrow, in whose houses he has invariably found evidences of the disease. Also the Editor of that journal saw, in 1849, smallpox in poultry, covering the head and combs of the fowls, and quotes an extract from the *British Medical Journal*, in which it is stated that variola in India is prevalent amongst the pigeons and poultry.

THERAPEUTIC MEMORANDA. — Dr. John Meredith, in the *Birmingham Medical Review*, extols oil of peppermint as an external application in herpes zoster, both for the neuralgic pains often so piteously complained of after the eruption has disappeared, and as an application over the eruption in its fresh florid condition. Dr. Cambillard (*Courrier Medical*) recommends for chorde an injection 4ter die and repeated just before going to bed, composed of pot. brom. gr. 80; glycerin ʒi ss laudanum ʒi water ʒivss. Dr. Nowatschek reports favourably of the use of atropine either internally or hypodermically (into the perineum) in spermatorrhœa.

ÆSTHETICS IN CATHARTICS.—Bunthorne, the "fleshy poet," in the new opera "Patience," gives the following as "a wild, weird, fleshy thing, yet very yearning, very precious. To