

of the aperture as practicable, to the extent of three-quarters of an inch, and also from its posterior wall and its angles on the same level and to a corresponding extent. The vivified surfaces were then brought in perfect coaptation and held there by silver sutures. The operation occupied two hours and a half in its performance. A catheter was constantly kept in the bladder, to draw away the urine as soon as secreted, until union was completed. The vagina was thoroughly washed once a day with a boracic acid solution, and a plug of absorbent cotton wool soaked in boroglyceride was constantly kept in it.

On the 27th day of December, the tenth day, after the operation, the sutures were removed when firm union was found to have taken place. The catheter was left in the bladder for two or three days after the sutures were removed. When discharged on the 5th day of February, she experienced no difficulty in passing water and could easily retain it for from four to five hours at a time. At the time of writing this article, the patient is perfectly well and suffers no inconvenience from her urine.

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FUTURE CANADA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

To the Editor of the CANADA LANCET.

SIR,—It is not too soon to bring the suggestions below before the members of the Canada Medical Association, and as doubtless most of the members are readers of the LANCET, if you will grant me space, I should like to submit the following: It has been repeatedly said that something ought to be done with the view of increasing the interest of members of the profession in our Association, and to secure a larger membership and better attendance at the annual meetings, in order as well to promote general good feeling and union for our own strength, as the advancement of the science of medicine. I would suggest that special efforts be made this jubilee year, at the approaching annual meeting, to be held in Hamilton, to accomplish something in the way indicated. At the first possible hour of the meeting of this year, a committee should be appointed to consider the question, report upon it and have it discussed.

The annual meetings, as I believe has been heretofore the case, should be held at a time when medical practitioners could best, and should, take a holiday, of at least a week; as in the summer, when it is too warm to work, but not to travel quietly. It should be so arranged that the gatherings of the members of the profession should partake more of a holiday character, and be made more entertaining and social,—more play, if not less work. More time, not less than three or four days, should be given by all, if possible, to the conference. Greater efforts might fairly be made to obtain from railway and boat managers (who in the end would be gainers thereby) lower rates of travel; and from hotel keepers, by pre-arrangement, good accommodations at more reasonable charges. It would probably be to the interests of the Association never to meet at a point further east than Montreal, nor further west than Hamilton. On occasions, when necessary or admissible, funds of the Association might be used toward defraying expenses of the entertainments. By the careful selection of a small committee of the older and more experienced members for the examination of all papers to be submitted, only a limited number, on subjects of most special and general interest, need be read; and any others could afterwards be read before local society meetings. Certain members might be asked to prepare each a paper on some special, named subject, for the next meeting, which should of course be made known, when members could come more prepared to discuss them.

I would further ask permission, even now, to suggest that the meeting of the Association in 1888 be held in the capital of the Dominion, and that it be regarded, under the new order of things, as a special national convention. That early and unusual efforts be made, and which would doubtless be successful, to obtain greatly reduced fares on routes of travel, especially for long distances, as on the Canadian Pacific and Inter-Colonial Railways. That one of the special subjects for the consideration of the Association then, at this Ottawa meeting, be, the best manner in which to secure UNITED ACTION in the profession, amongst all its members, in all questions of public interest, as well as those which relate only to the profession; and another, the formation of a medical benefit and life insurance society for Canada, in