

## Meetings of Medical Societies.

### WESTERN AND ST. CLAIR MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held on Thursday, 1st instant, at the Rankin House. A short session took place in the forenoon, Dr. J. L. Bray, the President, in the chair; Dr. T. K. Holmes acting as secretary *pro tem*. There were also present Drs. Fleming, Murphy and Abbott, from Chatham; Drs. Carney, of Windsor; Smith, of Morpeth; Hicks, of Duart; Richardson, of Blenheim; and Dr. Tye, of Thamesville. After the proceedings of the last meeting had been read and approved the session closed.

After recess the following gentlemen were elected officers of the Association for the ensuing year:—

President—Dr. A. McLean, of Sarnia.

Vice Presidents—Dr. D. Fleming for County of Kent; Dr. Casgrain, of Windsor, for Essex; Dr. Poussette, of Sarnia, for Lambton; and Dr. Thompson, of Strathroy, for Middlesex.

Secretary—Dr. Holmes.

Treasurer—Dr. Tye.

In the absence of the newly-elected President, the chair was taken by Dr. Fleming, Vice President. Various items of routine and business were disposed of. The formation of County Associations was taken up, and resulted in a passage of a resolution instructing the Secretary to prepare a series of questions, such as he may deem necessary, to be forwarded to each of the Vice Presidents, who will communicate the same to the qualified practitioners in each County with the view of eliciting opinion as to the desirability of forming County Associations, the replies to be reported to this Association at the next meeting. Dr. Richardson, of Blenheim, read an able and instructive paper on "Thermometry in Disease." This was fully discussed, and the invaluable aid of the thermometer in forming a diagnosis of a disease was unanimously assented to. Dr. Richardson was awarded a vote of thanks by the Association for his excellent and carefully prepared paper.

Telegrams were read from various members regretting their inability to be present.

Dr. Murphy read a paper on "The use of Cold Affusions in restoring the Normal temperature in Malarial and other Diseases." This paper was also well received, and although opinions somewhat differed as to the time when the bath, as a remedial agent, should be used, yet all were agreed as to its importance. The discussion on this paper evoked the opinions of all present. Its general features were in harmony with the opinions advanced by the Secretary, Dr. Holmes, in his paper on "The treatment of Convulsions depending on a high Temperature of the Body," read before the International Congress of Medical men held in Philadelphia last summer.

The notes taken of a case most interesting to medical men, one of "Placenta Previa," occurring in the practice of Dr. Hicks, were of unusual interest.

An opinion of Mr. John A. Mackenzie, of Sarnia, as to the legality of electing a President other than the representatives at the Provincial Medical Council was read and received the endorsement of the Association.

The Association reaffirmed the resolution passed a year ago requesting the Medical Council to appoint an examiner (Dr. Holmes was named) from the Association, the practice hitherto being to choose examiners from among the Council only.

The Association adjourned to meet at Windsor next May.

At the Meeting of the Obstetrical Society of London, held on February 7th, Dr. Elkington, of Brockville, Ontario, mentioned a case of spontaneous inversion of the uterus. Labour was natural. On the third day the uterus became suddenly inverted, owing, apparently, to the exhibition of a large dose of castor oil. It was easily reduced, and the patient did well. The author thought that an equally-distributed pressure on the fundus of the uterus after expulsion of the placenta, occasionally gave rise partial inversion.

**SMALL-POX AMONGST GOATS.**—Small-pox has appeared in an epizootic form among the flocks of goats near Los Barrios, Gibraltar, and orders have been issued to prevent the entrance of goat milk or flesh from the infected districts into the garrison. Meantime the outbreak is the subject of a special enquiry.