

pointed out. This is bad enough, but how are we to explain the following? Three months ago there was published and widely-circulated amongst the Canadian profession a volume of Reports from the Montreal General Hospital. It included a detailed account of a case of spinal apoplexy, by Dr. Geo. Wilkins. In the issue of the 3rd June the *Canada Medical Record* reproduces this entire article under the misleading heading of "*Original Communications*," just as though it had never before seen the light. We are willing to believe that such instances of wholesale plagiarism are not often to be found.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of this Association was held in New York on the first four days of this month. For an account of the proceedings we refer our readers to the letter of a correspondent on another page.

MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL.—The annual meeting of the Governors of this Institution was held on the 20th ult. As no resignation was received from any member of the attending staff, as had been expected, no election was held, and the existing members were reappointed as usual.

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### Medical Items.

PERSONAL.—T. G. Hockridge, M.D. (McGill), has passed the examination and obtained the qualification of Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

UNION OF INTRA-CAPSULAR FRACTURE OF THE FEMUR.—A suit for \$100,000 was recently brought against two Brooklyn physicians for malpractice. The alleged *malpraxis* consisted in treating for contusion what was subsequently asserted by other surgeons to have been an intra-capsular fracture. The trial, which resulted in acquittal, developed some sparring amongst the medical witnesses upon the subject of the possibility of osseous union occurring in these fractures. Dr. Carnochan, for the prosecution, produced a specimen in which he had made this diagnosis, and still believed bony union to have followed.