

satisfaction but of mutual improvement and advantage. The friction of different minds earnestly engaged in similar pursuits is peculiarly valuable, for it is scarcely possible for any man who has been moved by the same impulses, agitated by the same fears, excited by the same hopes, and elated by the same successes, who has felt the responsibilities, and experienced the hours of painful anxiety in the treatment of difficult and dangerous cases, not to derive consolation and benefit by consultation and communication with his professional brethren."

He then proceeded to allude to some of the new discoveries which had taken place during the year in the practice of medicine, surgery, and mid-wifery.

Among other matters he reported some cases in which Prof. Thomas had successfully transfused milk, an operation which was first performed by the President during the great cholera epidemic in this city, and with the most beneficial results. It was of great importance to remember that milk may be used as a substitute for blood in transfusion, for, besides being always more accessible, it might, in cases of epidemic among the human family, be preferable, as we cannot in such a case be certain that the blood to be injected is free from the germs of the disease it is intended to combat.

The treatment of fibroids of the uterus by hypodermic injections of ergot was also alluded to, Dr. Hodder having found great benefit from it. The address concluded with a reference to the serious losses which the medical profession and the world at large had met with by the death of a very large number of distinguished men. Great Britain had lost Bennett, James Clark, Latham, Headland, Sir George Gibbs, Letheby, Donovan and many others. Germany had lost Prof. Franke; France had lost Andral, Levain, Ballard, Duchesne; while the medical ranks of Canada had lost Dr. Cole of Clinton, Dr. Yates, of Kingston, and Dr. Beaumont, of this city.

A number of new members were elected, and Dr. White and Rochester of Buffalo, as representing the American Medical Association, were invited to seats on the platform. Dr. White returned thanks for the compliment. Papers were read by Dr. Jos. Workman, of Toronto, on Criminal Insanity, by Dr. Strange of Aurora, Ont., on Ovariectomy, by Dr. Rosebrugh of Hamilton, on Membranous Dysmenorrhoea and its treatment. A committee, consisting of Drs. Hodder, Hingston, Workman, Clarke, Playter, Canniff and Oldright were appointed to prepare

a memorial to the Dominion Government with respect to vital statistics and public hygiene.

In the evening of the first day the members attended a very pleasant gathering, given by Mr. Bickford, whose grounds were brilliantly illuminated. A band of music was in attendance, and dancing was indulged in. A most bountiful repast was prepared, and everything passed off as pleasantly as could be desired. On the second day, after routine and some general business, papers were read by Dr. Geikie, of Toronto, on "Gastric Ulcer," by Dr. Trenholme of Montreal, on the "Treatment of Fibroid Tumours of the Uterus," by Dr. Grassett, on "Antiseptic Surgery."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Dr. Thornburn submitted the report of the Nominating Committee, which was concurred in; President, Dr. Hingston; Vice-Presidents: For Ontario, Dr. Workman; Quebec, Hon. Dr. Ross; New Brunswick, Dr. Bayard; Nova Scotia, Dr. Moran; Secretaries: for Ontario, Dr. Zimmerman; Quebec, Dr. Russell, Jr.; New Brunswick, Dr. Herrington; Nova Scotia, Dr. Almon; General Secretary, Dr. David, Montreal; General Treasurer, Dr. Robiliard, Montreal.

The following Committees were appointed:

Publication.—Dr. David, *Chairman*; Drs. Robiliard, F. W. Campbell, Howard and Osler.

Medicine.—Dr. George Ross, *Chairman*; Drs. Mullin and Sweetland.

Surgery.—Dr. J. H. Richardson, *Chairman*; Drs. Oldright and Kincaid.

Obstetrics.—Dr. Ross, *Chairman*; Drs. Strange and Rosebrugh.

Therapeutics, New Remedies and Medical Jurisprudence.—Dr. Fulton, *Chairman*; Drs. D. Clarke and Hornbrook.

Necrology.—Dr. Osler, *Chairman*; Drs. Graham and Farrell.

Medical Education and Literature.—Dr. Howard, *Chairman*; Drs. Hodder and Parker (Halifax).

Climatology.—Dr. Marsden, *Chairman*; Drs. Playter, Baynes, Tye, Dewit Martin, Lacroque, Ross (Quebec), Botsford, Canniff and Jennings.

Delegates to the American Medical Association: Drs. Grant, Sweetland, Hingston, David, Fulton, Thornburn, Marsden, Russell, Sr.; and to the