

York, the surgeon can familiarize himself with the parts by immediate dissection. He is supported by able counsel, aided by trained assistants, and last, but by no means least, he goes into the operation without feeling if his patient die he will be looked upon as a sort of semi-murderer; for, if an unfortunate result follow, it is quickly forgotten in the hurry and innumerable death-rate of the great city. But with us, how different! A great emergency arises—a serious operation must be done immediately, and at best one can rarely obtain more than one professional assistant. Ofttimes the assistant will be a common laborer, the best light obtainable a pine-torch or kerosene lamp minus a chimney, and with a paucity of instruments, because too poor to buy a complete outfit, the surgeon gropes his way through delicate tissues till the work is done and the life of his patient is saved. I recall to mind now a case of successful laparotomy done for gunshot wound of the abdomen, and reported at the last meeting of our medical society, in which I am reliably informed the operator had only the assistance of a negro field-hand and worked solely by the light of a pine-torch."

This will strike a responsive chord in the breast of many of our readers. There is no doubt that men have risen to greater heights in moral courage in attempting operations in the country than do our specialists in the large cities, and have performed noble deeds and saved lives under the most trying circumstances in which medical men can be placed, and yet neither the world at large, nor even the medical profession knew of them. Our country friends are, speaking broadly, either too modest or too careless to report interesting and instructive cases in their proper place, viz., the medical journals of their country.

"He who great ends by little means attains"

is worthy of all honor, and if he will but let the world know of the great ends attained can not fail to obtain his meed of praise and renown.

ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—The following is a list of papers received by Dr. White, the Secretary, up to the time of going to press.

Papers by guests:—Dr. Wyeth, New York, "Plastic operation for closure of urethra, rectal fistulæ, and intestinal sutures." Dr. A. W. Johnstone, Danville, Kentucky, on "Soft myoma." Dr. C. C. Rice, New York, _____

Papers by members:—"Neurasthemia," Dr. D. Clark; "Coroners' inquests," Dr. J. H. Richard-
"Bacteria, their influence upon the blood

and tissues," Dr. C. Sheard; "Pessaries, their range of usefulness," Dr. Temple; "Intestinal sutures in gun-shot wounds," Dr. Oldright; "Laparotomy in intestinal obstruction," Dr. McFarlane. Discussion in Surgery,—*"Urethral discharges,"* Dr. Grasett; discussion in Medicine,—*"Malaria as a cause of disease,"* Dr. Mullin, Hamilton; discussion in Obstetrics,—*"The diagnosis of obscure pelvic ailments,"* Dr. A. A. Macdonald; discussion in Ophthalmology,—*"Some affections of the eye of interest to the general practitioner,"* Dr. Burnham. *"On the so-called moral insanity,"* Dr. Workman; *"Idiopathic glossitis,"* Dr. Hunt, Clarksburg; *"Congenital goitre,"* Dr. Mackenzie, Wingham; *"Treatment of inguinal hernia,"* Dr. Robinson, Brampton; *"Compound fracture of humerus, illustrating extension as secured by a new modification of Sayre's short hip splint,"* Dr. C. M. Smith, Orangeville; *"Rest in neurasthemia,"* Dr. A. H. Walker, Dundas; *"Notes on Physiology, of 1887, of clinical interest,"* Dr. McCallum, London; *"Craniotomy,"* Dr. Harrison, Selkirk; *"Intubation of the larynx,"* Dr. Stark, Hamilton; *"Empyema,"* Dr. Whiteman, Shakespeare; *"Antiseptic treatment of wounds of the hand,"* Dr. Olmstead, Hamilton; *"Operations on bone,"* Dr. Dupuis, Kingston; *"Leucocythæmia,"* Dr. McPhedran, Toronto; *"Life Insurance, and the relations of the profession thereto,"* Dr. Thorburn, Toronto; *"Uterine electrolytic apparatus,"* Dr. A. M. Rosebrugh, Toronto; *"Puerperal eclampsia treated with pilocarpine,"* Dr. Irving, Kirkton.

The guests of the Association this year are:—Drs. C. C. Rice and G. W. Fox, delegates from N. Y. State Med. Society; Wyeth, Gill Wylie, Leonard Corning, of New York, and A. W. Johnstone, of Danville, Kentucky.

Several of the Montreal men are expected at the meeting; they are always welcome. It is expected that our Ottawa confrères will be out in full force. The list of papers, so far, shows a marked predominance of surgical subjects. Where are the gynecologists?

Extensive preparations are being made by the Committee of Arrangements to provide for what they expect to be the largest meeting of the Association ever held; certainly there is abundance of material to present.

The Constitution and By-laws are being printed again, with the addition of the "Code of Ethics," under one cover; an excellent idea.