

DISTRICT OF ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Association held its regular fall meeting on Oct. 17th, at the Continental Hotel, Sherbrooke, P.Q.

The meeting opened at 2.30 p.m. The President, F. Austin, M.D., in the chair.

The following gentlemen were present: R. A. D. King, Compton; Thos. LaRue, Coaticooke; G. A. Coderre, Megantic; R. H. Phillimore, Cookshire; G. A. Bowen, Magog; G. W. Powers, Waterville; C. J. Edgar, North Hatley; F. J. Austin, J. D. A. McDonald, F. Paré, I. Frégeau, W. S. Smith, J. A. M. Elie, J. F. Rioux and J. O. Camirand, Sherbrooke.

On motion to that effect, R. H. Phillimore, M.D., and Alex. Dewar, M.D., both of Cookshire, were elected members of this Association.

It was moved by Dr. Austin, seconded by Drs. Paré and King, and resolved: "that this Association, through its Secretary, tender Dr. Meagher, of Windsor Mills, their most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the great affliction which an all-wise Providence has seen fit to visit upon him by the death of his wife on the 15th inst."

Dr. Edgar moved, seconded by Dr. Smith, that part of the funds of this Society be used for the founding of a pathological department in connection with the Society, to which all members will be expected to contribute material, and to have access thereto when so desired.

The President then gave the annual address, the following being a few points touched upon:

"Since our first preliminary meeting on the 14th Sept., 1890, we have had 6 regular meetings, the first two of these, however, being taken up with framing a constitution, by-laws and a tariff. At the four last meetings, no less than 13 papers were read, besides reports of unusual cases met with in practice. Many of these papers were of great interest, and showed marks of much study and thought in their preparation.

"Our total membership is now 43, and as there are about 70 or 75 members of the profession in this district, there remain a good many stray sheep to bring into the fold.

"From our Treasurer's report, it appears there is deposited to the credit of this Association a sum considerably over \$100, and it is a question what should be done with this money. It has been suggested by some that it be invested in books to form the nucleus of a library; by others, that it should be used to pay for surgical instruments not usually kept by those in general practice, but which might at any time be required for special cases. I am inclined to the latter idea.

"I am quite convinced that these meetings have been of much benefit to those members

who have been able to attend, not only in a professional point of view, but also because they have afforded an opportunity which many of us otherwise would not have had of meeting together, making each other's acquaintance and spending a few hours in social intercourse, which in my opinion is one of the most important objects of these meetings.

"We have much to be thankful for in that death has not visited any of our members during the past year, and that, as far as I know, we have escaped any serious illness or accident, though it is with much regret I hear our esteemed friend Dr. Meagher, of Windsor Mills, has to mourn the loss of his wife, her death having taken place only last Sunday.

"It is with much pleasure I am enabled to say our respected first President, Dr. E. D. Worthington, is still among us, though unable to continue his useful and active career in the profession."

Dr. J. O. Camirand then read a paper on "Fractures of the Patella," in which he described the various modes of treatment and apparatus used in such cases, as well as those used by himself in the cases which came under his care. This was followed by a discussion, in which Drs. Austin, King, Powers and LaRue took an active part.

Dr. G. A. Bowen, of Magog, followed with an extremely interesting and instructive essay on "Hysteria," the Proteus of the medical faculty and the nightmare of all practitioners. Remarks on this subject were made by Drs. Paré, Austin, Powers, Edgar, McDonald and Camirand.

"Chronic Constipation" was the subject chosen by Dr. Powers, of Waterville. The Dr. treated this subject in a highly useful and practical way, affording new and pertinent ideas as to the treatment of this troublesome ailment.

The following gentlemen will read papers at the next meeting:—Dr. J. D. A. McDonald, "Infantile Diarrhœa;" Dr. R. A. D. King, "Obstruction of the Bowels;" Dr. F. Paré, "Cancer of the Stomach;" Dr. R. M. Canfield, "Diphtheria."

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—

President, Dr. F. Paré, Sherbrooke, P.Q.; 1st Vice-President, R. A. D. King, Compton; 2nd Vice-President, C. J. Edgar, North Hatley; Secy-Treas., J. O. Camirand, Sherbrooke; Assistant, J. D. A. McDonald, Sherbrooke. Council—Thos. LaRue, Coaticooke; G. W. Powers, Waterville; J. F. Rioux, Sherbrooke.

On motion by Dr. LaRue, seconded by Dr. Austin, it was resolved that the next meeting of this Association be held at Coaticooke, P.Q., subject to notice from the Secretary, and the meeting then adjourned.

J. O. CAMIRAND, M.D., Secy-Treas.