

the medical bill, we may get it improved in time. On a future occasion I will take an opportunity of bringing this subject again before this Society.

In the meantime I think all these occurrences that I have mentioned as having taken place during the past year are causes for us to congratulate ourselves upon.

I will now read you the *resumé* of the past year, which has been supplied to me by our obliging Secretary, Dr. Edwards.

RESUME OF THE SOCIETY'S PROCEEDINGS DURING THE YEAR.

Meetings held during the year, 23. Average attendance. 19. *Pathological Specimens* exhibited by Dr. Osler, 68. *New Members*, 14, namely: Drs. Vineberg, Stevenson, Tunstall, Marston, Smith, Munro, Wm. Macdonald, Kerry, Rodolphe E. Leprohon, Spencer, Jenkins, Imrie, Sutherland and Sheridan. *Left the City*, Dr. Fuller, and elected a corresponding member; Dr. Marston, Dr. Leprohon. *Died*, Dr. Park, a junior practitioner, died of typhoid fever.

The following papers were read before the Society during the year:

1. Dr. Hingston. "Inflamed Joints."
2. Dr. Roddick. "Cases Treated by the Thermo-cautère."
3. Dr. Ross. "Acute Spinal Paralysis."
4. Dr. Trenholme. "On the Hodge Pessary in Retroflected Uterus."
5. Dr. Hingston. "Excision of the Shoulder."
6. Dr. Kennedy. "Extra Uterine Gestation."
7. Dr. Bessey. "Animal Vaccination."
8. Dr. Buller. "Eserine."
9. Dr. McConnell. "Ichthyosis Hystrix."
10. Dr. Hy. Howard. "Responsibility and Irresponsibility in Crime, and Insanity."
11. Dr. Osler. "Two Cases of Rare Kidney Tumor."
12. Dr. Alloway. "Tracheotomy in Laryngeal Diphtheria."
13. Dr. Oakley. "Pneumonia."
14. Dr. F.W. Campbell. "Whooping Cough Treated by Quinine."

15. Dr. Hy. Howard. "Some Practical Remarks on the General Treatment of the Insane."
16. Dr. A. L. Smith. "Chorea."
17. Dr. Rodgers. "Softening of the Brain."
18. Dr. R. Macdonnell. "Three Cases of Malignant Disease."
19. Dr. Hingston. "Sewer Poisoning."
20. Dr. Osler. "Demonstrations of the Medical Anatomy of the Brain."
21. Dr. Finnie. "Chronic Ulcer of the Stomach."
22. Dr. Reddy. "Pneumonia followed by Embolism of the Right Femoral."

Well, gentlemen, I think we may congratulate ourselves upon the progress the society has made during the past year, and we have the right to hope that we will do more in the future. Let us be only true to ourselves and we have nothing to fear,—true to ourselves, "and it must follow as the night the day we cannot then be false to any man."

One word with regard to self: Under the new Lunacy Bill my position is altogether changed in regard to the Longue Pointe Lunatic Asylum. I am no longer the "*prescribing physician*" of the asylum; that work for the future will be done by the resident physician, Dr. Perrault, who, under the new law, is appointed and paid by the proprietors. My duties as visiting physician partake more of the duties of an Inspector. These may not be quite so laborious as were my former duties, but they will be much more important, and my responsibilities much greater. Now I have to do with no patients in the asylum except the patients paid for by the government; with the private patients I have nothing to do, directly or indirectly, either with their admission, their treatment, or their discharge. I am in no way responsible for the private patients in the asylum. I considered it due to both you and myself to give you this information the first moment I had an opportunity.

In conclusion, I again thank the members and officers of the society for the support they have so generously afforded me during my Presidential year. Your duty now is to elect your officers for the year we have entered upon,