

Dr. Parker, of Halifax, N. S. The subsequent presidents were Drs. James A. Sewell, Quebec; J. A. Grant, Ottawa; W. Marsden, Quebec; LeBaron Botsford, St. John, N. B.; E. M. Hodder, Toronto; W. H. Hingston, Montreal; Joseph Workman, Toronto; R. P. Howard, Montreal; Canniff, Toronto; Fenwick, Montreal; Mullin, Hamilton, and Sullivan, Kingston.

The association meets next year in Montreal, a few days before the meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, so that members may have an opportunity of remaining over to take part in that gathering, at which will be present many of the leading men and scientific lights of England. It is confidently expected that this meeting of the association in 1884 will be one of the most interesting and important in the history of the association. A pressing invitation was received from our brethren in the far West to hold the next meeting in Winnipeg, but for the reasons above mentioned Montreal was chosen. The President and Secretary will arrange the date of the meeting, which will have timely announcement through the columns of the LANCET and other journals.

THE NATURE AND TREATMENT OF DIPHTHERIA.

—The following is a brief summary of the conclusions from replies to a series of questions recently issued on the subject by the *Therapeutic Gazette*:

1. Diphtheria may be either local or constitutional in its origin.

2. It may continue as a purely local or as a purely constitutional disease, or the local disease may be followed by constitutional infection, or *vice versa*—the disease in the vast majority of instances manifesting itself in both the constitutional disturbance and the local affection.

3. The comparative value of local and constitutional remedies is dependent upon the nature of the affection in individual cases.

4. Diphtheria is a contagious disease, but not liable to attack a healthy mucous membrane or to find an entrance through it into the circulation.

5. The contagium of diphtheria is not a micrococcus, nor is it visible under the most powerful microscope yet manufactured.

6. The contagium of diphtheria is of a gaseous nature (the result of decomposing fæcal and other organic matter), and can be neutralized only by a true disinfectant and not by an antiseptic.

7. The best local application is the tincture of the chloride of iron. It may be supplemented by other applications according to the indications in individual cases.

8. In a typical case of sthenic diphtheria, administer large (10 grains) and frequently repeated (hourly) doses of calomel until the characteristic stools are secured. Following this give large doses of the tincture of the chloride of iron every two hours, and administer alcohol within the limits of intoxication. In asthenic cases the calomel should be omitted, and the main reliance placed on the iron and alcohol.

THE GILCHRIST SCHOLARSHIP.—We are pleased to announce that Mr. H. G. Creelman, B.A., of Dalhousie College, N. S., has won the Gilchrist Scholarship. Mr. Creelman is, we understand, a near relative of Dr. Creelman, of Maitland, N. S., and nephew of the Hon. Samuel Creelman. The scholarship is of the value of £100 a year for three years, the condition being that the winner must pursue his studies either at the University of Edinburgh, or University College, London, prior to proceeding to the degree at the University of London. Mr. Creelman has chosen University College, and intends to make a special study of physics. This is the third time this scholarship has been won by a Nova Scotian, and a graduate of Dalhousie College.

PERSONAL.—Dr. James Stewart has returned from Vienna, and has taken up his residence in Montreal. He will deliver his first course of lectures on materia medica in McGill Medical School this winter.—Sir Wm. McCormack, surgeon to St. Thomas Hospital, London, and Prof. A. P. Simpson, of Glasgow University, are at present making a tour of the United States and Canada.—Dr. D. McLeod (Trinity), formerly adjunct Professor of Institutes of Medicine, Materia Medica and Therapeutics in the Michigan College of Medicine, delivered the spring course of lectures so acceptably that the trustees of that institution have promoted him to the vacancy caused by the withdrawal from the school of Dr. J. J. Mulheron.

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