

A case is reported in the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*, in which the death of a Mrs. Crie was caused by the above-named mixture. The anæsthetic was administered by Dr. Eastham, a dentist, for the extraction of a tooth. The mixture consisted of two-thirds chloroform and one-third ether, of which the patient inhaled only about from two to four drachms when she died. Dr. Bigelow, in his testimony at the inquest, stated that the woman died from breathing chloroform contained in the mixture, and that he never knew of a case of death occurring where ether alone, was properly administered. Drs. Cabot, Clarke, Gay, and Hodges, gave testimony to the same effect. The jury gave the following verdict : " That Mary F. Crie came to her death in the office of Dr. Eastham, a dentist, and that her death was caused by the inhalation of chloroform administered in a mixture of chloroform and ether by the said Dr. Eastham. The jury use this opportunity to caution the public against the inhalation of so dangerous an agent as chloroform for the production of insensibility to pain. In the opinion of the jury the inhalation of sulphuric ether is safe, while the inhalation of chloroform, either alone or mixed, is always attended with danger."

A meeting of the profession of Toronto was held on Thursday the 22nd ult., in the rooms of the Canadian Institute, to take into consideration the measures affecting the profession about to be introduced into the Ontario Legislature. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

Moved by Dr. Fulton, and seconded by Dr. Archibald—"That we believe the proposed amendments to the Ontario Medical Act, as published in the CANADA LANCET for October, 1873, (with the exception of section eleven, and of sub-section three of section seven), will be conducive to the better working of the Act."

Moved by Dr. Geikie, and seconded by Dr. Coleman—"That, inasmuch as the Homœopathic members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario enjoy, and will continue to enjoy equal rights, privileges, and immunities with the members of the general profession and of the Eclectic body, the Act of Incorporation sought by them is uncalled for and unnecessary, and the separate powers for which they ask would be injurious alike to the public and to the profession in all its sections, while their extraordinary demands for extensive University powers, would, if granted, injure the whole system of Canadian University education."

Moved by Dr. Cassidy and seconded by Dr. Aikins—"That Drs. H. H. Wright, Canniff, Fulton, Oldright, and Archibald be appointed a Committee to act in concert with the Executive Committee of the Council, in urging the views embodied in the foregoing resolutions upon the members of the Legislature and of the Government, and to take such other steps as they might deem necessary to carry them into effect.

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CHAS. ARCHIBALD, M.D., *Chairman.*  
*Secretary.*

The Executive Committee of the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario has held two or three meetings during the past month. The proposed amendments to the Ontario Medical Act (see *Lancet* Oct. 1,) have had a large share of attention. Clause vii., sub-section three, relating to the licensing of midwives has been struck out. Clause xii., relating to the examining board, has been modified in such a way as to fix the number of examiners at nine.

It is also proposed to fix the annual assessment at one dollar for the first year, after which it will be optional, and no further demand will be made until after the next election, when members may be returned either for or against taxation. The amended Act will be printed in a few days, and a copy will be sent to every medical man in the Province whose address can be obtained.