

Society Proceedings.

QUEBEC MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

*Stated Meeting, October 26, 1899 ; held at St. Jean de Dieu Asylum
Longue Pointe.*

DR. BURGESS, PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

Letters of thanks were read from Drs. Guerin and Urkhart, elected honorary members.

A letter was read from the Provincial Secretary informing the society of the adoption by the Government of the forms of medical certificate for admission of the insane recommended by the society at the last meeting. (See page 811 of the October number).

DR. CHAGNON gave notice of motion that at the next meeting he would move that a special committee be appointed to elaborate a uniform plan for classifying mental diseases and for preparing uniform tables of statistics from the various asylums of the province.

DR. CHAGNON proposed the formation of a society of the physicians connected with the various asylums in the Dominion of Canada with a view to becoming affiliated with the Medico-Psychological Society of Great Britain and Ireland. On motion of Dr. Villeneuve, the president and secretary were requested to correspond with the medical officers of the various asylums upon the subject.

Two Cases of Ephemeral Mania, Uncomplicated by Epilepsy, Intemperance or Parturition.

DR. BURGESS read a paper with the above title. (See page 938 of the December number).

DR. CHAGNON, in discussing the paper, referred to the following interesting case :—

CXL., 17 years of age, is a baggage master in one of our railway companies. His father died of liver disease at the age of 52 ; his mother and sister are in good health ; two uncles died of tuberculosis. Patient suffered in childhood from measles and diphtheria.

On December 25th, 1895, he began to complain of loss of appetite, constipation, and insomnia with slight fever, followed in a few days by cephalalgia. He gave up work and one month later, January 24, 1896, showed signs of mental trouble which rapidly developed into mania. On January 30, he came under my care at the St. Jean de Dieu Asylum showing absolute incoherency, unceasing garrulity, disordered motions and complete insomnia. On February 5th, we found him on awaking