

pugilists shaking hands before they fought. When a patient asks for a consultation, he should choose the medical man to be called; when the doctor asks for the consultations he should choose the consultant. He should strongly favor having the consultation held in the presence of the patient and his friends. Held that one may give an opinion to another man's patient even when the practitioner called is continued in charge of the case and without consulting with him. He then went on to say, "Take all the cases you can get, and keep them if you can without reference to the previous attendant." Considered it perfectly justifiable to report one's cases of operation or extraordinary cures in the papers, and asserted that this was different from advertising. Why should not medical men report their cases as well as the lawyer his speeches, or the clergyman his sermons. He was not aware until informed by Dr. Osler that Canada had a Code of Ethics. His views were very strongly condemned by Drs. Harrison (Selkirk), Osler and McCammon (Kingston).

Dr. CANNIFF was surprised that Kingston appeared to know so little about the Code of Ethics, as his presidential address two years ago had dealt exclusively with that subject, and had been published in the medical journals.

Dr. OLLIVER (Kingston) said the Kingston practitioners knew the Code and most of them observed it faithfully. Moved the adjournment of the discussion. Carried.

Dr. METCALF, Superintendent of the Kingston Asylum, read a paper on "*The Use of Hyoscyamine in the Treatment of Mental Diseases.*" He uses Merc's crystallized, and says it is the only reliable hyoscyamine. Used hypodermically, it acts more quickly and surely than any other narcotic. A full hypodermic dose is gr. $\frac{1}{4}$ for an adult male and gr. $\frac{1}{2}$ for an adult female. After the injection of a full dose, the pupils dilate, face flushes, pulse and respiration at first accelerated, then slowed, mouth becomes dry, feeling of giddiness, distances are not calculated well, articulation becomes imperfect, and patient soon falls into a sound sleep that lasts from six to eight hours, from which he awakes complaining of dryness of the mouth, but much refreshed. Maniacs require larger doses than melancholics. Hypodermically, it usually acts in twenty minutes; by mouth, in about an hour. Another reason for giving it hypodermically is, the dose is much smaller, which is a consideration, as it is very expensive. It should be given once a day, the dose to be increased slightly by use. It is said to impair the appetite, but Dr. Metcalfe doubts this. He has not seen any increase in the quantity of urine, as is usually stated. He gave the history in