

Dr. J. H. Garnier read a paper on Snake Poisons, an abstract of which appears on page 255 of the previous volume.

SECOND MEETING.

Second Meeting, 12th November, 1887, the President in the chair.

Exchanges since last meeting, 27.

A report from the Council was read that they "regret exceedingly that the President, Mr. W. H. VanderSmisen, has found it necessary, in consequence of the increased duties devolving upon him at University College, to withdraw from the office of President. They can only express inadequately in a short notice their appreciation of his services in filling the chair with efficiency and dignity, and more especially in the administrative talent he has displayed in organizing the several sections. In view of the importance of the office, they do not desire to avail themselves of their right to elect a successor, but leave the election to the Institute; at the same time, they recommend the name of Mr. Charles Carpmael."

The report was received and adopted, and on motion by Dr. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Marling, Mr. Carpmael was elected President for the remainder of the term.

The following were elected members :—Capt. Stupart, R.N. John Townsend, Andrew Rutherford, George Macdonald, John I. Davidson, H. R. Fairclough, B.A., W. O'Connor, M.A., George W. R. White.

Mr. Alan Macdougall read a paper by Mr. G. R. Gilbert, of the U. S. Geological Society, on "Old Shore Lines in the Ontario Basin," as follows :

In 1837, a paper on this subject, prepared by Mr. Thomas Roy, of Toronto, a civil engineer, was presented to the Geological Society of London. It described a series of terraces and ridges observed by him between Lake Ontario and Lake Simcoe, and believed to mark