

Pasteur's labours. It may be that the results of the work of Pasteur and a host of others on the lines indicated, are not yet thoroughly understood or appreciated by the profession generally; but the knowledge that we have recently obtained, respecting both the diagnosis and treatment of such diseases as hydrophobia, anthrax, tetanus, diphtheria, tuberculosis, Asiatic cholera, typhoid fever, and septicaemia has already been productive of good results and is likely to do much more in the future. Some are still sceptical as to the good that has been accomplished through modern serum-therapy, but the ordinary conservatism of our profession has some influence now, as it so frequently had in the past, in preventing us from accepting new theories. One of the most remarkable instances of extreme conservatism that we know of, was the opposition that Jenner encountered when he gave to the world the result of his experience in his work in connection with vaccination. At the present time the number of those opposed to vaccination is very small indeed. The centenary of the vaccination of James Phipps, by Jenner, has recently been celebrated over the civilized world, and well might it be.

By the discovery of vaccination and its subsequent use, more lives have been saved than all the wars devised by the wickedness of man have destroyed; and I think it would be in keeping with the custom of our profession if some resolution were passed by this Association expressive of our gratitude for this wonderful discovery.

In considering the different events of the past year it becomes my melancholy duty to refer to the deaths of some of our ablest and most highly respected members. Drs. Fenwick and Saunders, of Kingston, and Dr. McFarlane, of Toronto, were well known to most of you as highly successful medical practitioners and worthy and honourable men in all respects. They have gone from our midst, and it is difficult for us who are left to realize the sad fact that we will never more see their kindly faces at our meetings. It is a somewhat remarkable coincidence that these three honoured members of our Association died from septic poison, received while in the discharge of their duties, and their deaths must ever remain as witnesses of the self-sacrifice and devotion of our noble calling. No soldier leading a forlorn hope died a braver death. The duty of the military man is to destroy life and weaken the enemy; that of the medical man is to relieve pain and prolong life. May their honoured names forever remain green in our memories.

An important subject for us to consider, gentlemen, is a common registration for the Dominion, or inter-provincial reciprocity. The various Provinces of our Dominion have regulations as to their medi-