

REMOVALS.—Dr. F. H. Howe has removed from Fordwich to Kettleby, Ont., where his success is already secured. Dr. Lynd, of Bond Head, has removed to Parkdale, Ont.

Dr. Pickup has removed from Pakenham to Brockville, Ont., where he intends to establish himself in practice. He was made the recipient of a complimentary supper and an address by his friends in Pakenham on the eve of his departure.

CORONERS.—J. H. Lowe, M.D., of Haliburton, has been appointed an Associate Coroner for the Provisional County of Haliburton.

A. Noxon, M.D., of Milford, has been appointed an Associate Coroner for the County of Prince Edward.

A. Robinson, M.D., of Clifton, has been appointed an Associate Coroner for the County of Welland.

APPOINTMENT.—Dr. G. P. Girdwood has been appointed Lecturer on Chemistry in McGill Medical College, in place of Dr. Craik, resigned.

Prof. Piorry, of Paris, the great advocate of mediate percussion, died recently at the advanced age of 85 years.

Reports of Societies.

HAMILTON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.

The regular monthly meeting of the above Society was held on the 3rd ult. The President, Dr. Geo. McKelcan, in the chair.

The paper for the evening was one by the Secretary, Dr. Woolverton, on "A Case of Poisoning by Paris Green." The subject of the case was a German woman, æt 65, who weary of her struggle for existence, and family and pecuniary burdens, secretly took what is at least estimated a quarter of a pound of the above poison, about 3 p.m., and died about 11.15 in the evening of the same day. The family never suspected that she had taken poison, and no medical man was sent for till about 10 o'clock in the evening, when she was found in a dying condition, in a state of complete collapse, though partially conscious till within a few moments of death. The suicide was a most determined one, as she positively refused to have a medical man sent for, and sent every one away

from her bedside, and desired to be left alone. The symptoms during life as far as could be gleaned were not very marked. She never complained of pain, though there is a history of some vomiting of green stuff, which they took to be bile, also some purging of watery stools, but apparently neither to an excessive amount. The great amount of poison taken, appears to have produced a state of collapse, and the short time in which death came, anticipated the full development of the symptoms of arsenical poisoning. The œsophagus and stomach were presented for inspection, and showed marked evidence of the effects of an irritant poison. The dependent part of the stomach especially, was of a grayish dusky hue, and softened, and its vitality nearly destroyed. The paris green was detected as low down as the descending colon. The bowels were pale, and contained much serous fluid. There was nearly a teacupful of the green sediment mixed with mucous still remaining in the stomach. There was some old standing disease of the kidneys. The right cavities of the heart were full of dark blood, the left ventricle well contracted. There were some atheromatous changes about the valves, but not to such an extent as to render them incompetent. The membranes of the brain were much congested, and the sub-arachnoid spaces filled with serum. The lungs were uniformly emphysematous, and completely filled the cavity of the chest. The usual tests for arsenic gave abundant evidence of its presence. The case is interesting from the amount of poison taken, and that poisoning was not suspected till the next day. She being in a dying condition without any marked symptoms except those of collapse, it was thought by the medical gentlemen in attendance that she was dying from cardiac thrombosis, but on learning more of the symptoms present during life, poisoning was suspected.

MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The regular meeting of the State Board of Health was held in Lansing on the 8th of April. Dr. Kedzie, President, in the chair, and Dr. Baker Secretary. On motion Dr. Kedzie was re-elected President for the ensuing two years. The Secretary announced the passage of three new laws by the State Legislature. One of these provides that the council of each city and village shall be a Board of Health, unless there is other provision by