

Society Reports.

The American Electro-Therapeutic Association.

THE fifth annual meeting was held in Toronto, in the Council Chamber of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, on September 3rd and 4th. A most interesting and very handsome exhibition of electrical apparatus, etc., occupied the reception hall adjoining, both rooms being very tastefully decorated for the occasion with palms, ferns and other plants, and cut flowers, the dais in the meeting room being transformed into a veritable bower. The firms represented were: H. W. Johns, Edison, Galvano-Faradic, Jerome Kidder and Waite & Bartlett companies, of New York; McIntosh Battery and Optical Co., of Chicago; and Parke, Davis & Co., Detroit.

The attendance was rather below expectations, partly due, doubtless, to the earliness of the season and the consequent disinclination of members to leave their summer resorts, but many letters and telegrams testified that sickness was also a cause of detention.

Members were present from New York, Boston, St. Louis, Washington, Reading, Melrose, Ann Arbor, Auburn, Montreal and Toronto.

The chair was taken at 10.30 a.m. by the President, Dr. A. L. Smith, of Montreal. Dr. Thorburn delivered a most felicitous address of welcome, during which he took occasion to deplore the scant knowledge of electricity possessed by the general practitioner. Dr. C. R. Dickson, as chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, also welcomed the visitors. Letters and telegrams of regret were then read.

Dr. Berryman, of St. John, N.B., and Dr. Harrison, of Selkirk, guests of the Association, were asked to take seats on the platform.

Drs. Thomas Charlton, Savannah, Ga.; Wendel C. Phillips and Max Einhorn, New York; F. W. Ross, Elmira; H. W. Gillet, Newport, R.I.; and John Gerin, Auburn, N.Y., were elected Active Fellows, and Mr. J. A. Cabot, Chief Electrician of the Board of Administration of Cincinnati, O., an Associate Fellow.

The report of the Standing Committee on Induction Coils and Alternators (Dr. A. H. Goelet, New York, chairman) was presented by Dr. C. R. Dickson.

The report of the Standing Committee on Electrodes (Dr. C. R. Dickson, Toronto, chairman) was also read by Dr. Dickson.

The following papers were then read: "The General Therapeutic Effect of the Alternating Current of High Frequency and of High Tension," by Dr. Georges Apostoli, Paris; "Zinc Amalgam Cataphoresis,"