

do not know the reason for the change, but certain it is that of late years, one or two only are to be found at these annual meetings. It is not to the credit of the large body of French Canadian practitioners of the Province of Quebec that neither do they maintain a Provincial Medical Society nor will they attend the Dominion Convention when it is brought into their very midst.

In the absence of any arrangements, the annual dinner was not held. We hope this pleasant social part of the meeting will not be omitted next year, but at the same time trust that the Society will insist upon making it a subscription dinner, thus removing any pecuniary burden from the shoulders of the members resident in the locality where we meet.

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DR. FRANK H. HAMILTON, the well-known surgeon of New York, is dead. We refer to our correspondence from New York for some interesting facts in the life of this prominent and much-respected man.

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### Medical Items.

THE THERAPEUTIC USES OF CUS.—In looking over the files of our esteemed contemporary, the *Dublin Journal of Medical Science*, for another purpose, we have recently noticed an article on "Cus," commending it as a reliable tænicide, with remarks as to the method of preparation that yields the most forcible product. We have no doubt it has been used in this country by patients affected by parasites—in fact, its association with helminthiasis is, to the minds of many, quite natural—but its employment certainly has not been restricted to that or any other special field. The native product, *C. Americana*, is said to embrace a large number of varieties and to attain a greater exuberance of development than its congeners of any other clime. In the mining regions of the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific coast, we find the *C. occidentalis*, a variegated and particularly florid specimen. It is used in large quantities and seems to be applicable to all conditions, much like quinine in the South or whiskey in New York. It is not, however, incompatible with the latter drug. The dose varies greatly. It is usually repeated p.r.n., although we are bound to say that its effect is entirely incommensurate with the popularity of the agent.—*Boston Med. and Surg. Journal*.