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TO CORRESPONDENTS.—*We shall be glad to receive from our friends everywhere, current medical news of general interest. Secretaries of County or Territorial Medical Associations will oblige by forwarding reports of the proceedings of their Associations.*

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## ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING.

This Association held its Fourth Annual Meeting in Hamilton on the 4th and 5th of June. Although in point of numbers it fell behind its predecessors, in the amount of work accomplished, and in the harmony of feeling which pervaded its deliberations, it was far ahead of any previous meeting. The character of the papers read was decidedly above the average, and were pretty well distributed over the various sections of the country. The Hamilton men were conspicuous for the personal restraint self-imposed in not presenting a single paper, although they added much to the success of the meeting by the ability evinced and the interesting share they took in the discussions.

The President's address was delivered at 3' in the afternoon of the first day. It was replete with wit, and if some of his allusions were caustic the application was so gentle and administered with such a friendly smile as to lose its sting. To the President's promptitude and excellent qualities as a presiding officer, was due, in a large measure, the celerity with which the business of the Association was transacted without any appearance of hurry or confusion. Even with all the expedition, a number of papers were perforce read by title, and the Reports of Committees—some of which were most excellent and contained matters of high

interest to the Profession—were taken as read, or were referred to the next Session. This is a matter of regret, as it will inevitably tend to burden the ensuing Sessions of the Association with work which, besides properly belonging to another period, is also likely to lose somewhat in interest by postponement, and establishes a precedent which cannot fail to be derogatory to the welfare of the Association. The remedy proposed for this by Dr. Powell is of questionable utility.

The new President of the Association is Dr. Worthington of Clinton. He has taken an active interest in the Huron Medical Association, and is well known through that section of the country. His elevation to the highest honours which the Association can confer will, doubtless, be hailed with satisfaction and pleasure by his numerous friends. No one can possibly fail to be pleased with the choice of those who fill the Vice-Presidents' chairs. Dr. Tye, of Chatham, and Dr. Powell, of Edgar, have worked long and faithfully in the interests of the Association, and the well-merited honour they have received is but a slight token of the appreciation with which their efforts have been recognized.

London has been chosen as the next place of meeting. Why the choice fell upon this City of the West is wrapt in obscurity, unless some such hope as actuated the Dominion Association the year before last in the choice of Kingston, pervaded the minds of the Committee. That in the past they have not aided the Association by their presence is not to be taken as a sign of the future. An effort will, doubtless, be made to make the meeting, next June, a success commensurate with the undoubted ability of the Londoners to carry off pleasantly and victoriously any undertaking which they resolutely set their minds upon.

It is suggested that young doctors, that unsuccessful doctors, and that doctors with leisure time should cultivate drug farms.