

THE Vermont Microscopical Association has just announced that a prize of \$250, given by the Wells & Richardson Co., the well-known chemists, will be paid to the first discoverer of a new disease germ. The wonderful discovery by Prof. Koch of the cholera germ, as the cause of cholera, stimulated great research throughout the world, and it is believed that this liberal prize, offered by a house of such standing, will greatly assist in the detection of micro-organisms. All who are interested in the subject and the conditions of this prize, should write to C. Smith Boynton, M.D., Secretary of the Association, Burlington, Vt.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—Officers for ensuing year :

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Place of next meeting, Nashville, May, 1890.

Sir James Grant, of Ottawa, was present at the Newport meeting, and in his usual eloquent manner addressed the Association.

UNPLEASANT EFFECTS OF SULPHONAL.—Dr. J. P. C. Griffith clearly states (*Therapeutic Gazette*) the chief disadvantages to the use of this popularized drug as follows : 1. Its hypnotic action usually develops very slowly. 2. This action is very liable to be prolonged throughout a greater or less part of the following day. 3. It is difficult to determine the dose which may be given with effect and with comfort in each individual case, and this dose may vary at different times in the same case. 4. The drug is liable to produce unpleasant secondary effects, which may even replace the primary hypnotic action. Chief

among these are mental excitement, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, headache, languor, exhaustion, depression, and a staggering gait. These symptoms may appear either after large or after quite small doses. 5. It very often fails to exert any hypnotic action, either in any dose whatever, or in any amount which can be given with comfort to the patient.

## Meeting of Medical Societies.

### ANNUAL MEETING OF BATHURST AND RIDEAU MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Bathurst and Rideau Medical Association was held in the Masonic Hall, Arnprior, on Wednesday, July 3rd, the following gentlemen being present : Dr. J. G. Cranston, President ; Dr. R. W. Powell, of Ottawa, Vice-president ; Dr. H. B. Small, of Ottawa, Secretary ; Drs. Burns, Lynch, and Allan, of Almonte ; Dr. Dickson, of Pembroke ; Dr. Graham, of Front Westmeath ; Dr. McIntosh, of Pakenham ; Dr. Rogers, of Ottawa ; McFarlane, of Ashton ; Drs. Mann, McCormick, and McDonald, of Renfrew ; and Drs. Armstrong and Ward, of Arnprior.

The President, Dr. J. G. Cranston, took the chair, and after extending a cordial welcome to the visiting physicians on behalf of himself and medical *confrères* of Arnprior, delivered an able address.

A number of valuable papers were read, and cases in practice cited, by Drs. Armstrong, Powell, Horsey, Dickson, and others.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the affiliation of the Association with the Ontario Medical Association.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Dr. Hill, of Ottawa, the esteemed treasurer of the Association, who was unable to attend this meeting.

The election of officers resulted as follows : President, Dr. J. G. Cranston, Arnprior ; Vice-presidents, Dr. R. W. Powell, of Ottawa, and Dr. Burns, of Almonte ; Secretary, Dr. H. B. Small, of Ottawa ; Treasurer, Dr. Hill, of Ottawa ; Executive Committee, Drs. Horsey, Rogers and Sir James Grant, for the City of Ottawa, and Drs. Dickson, Lynch, Armstrong, Mann, Allan, and Grant, for the rural districts.