

that on his return thither he would have an opportunity, in a periodical he expected to publish, to do homeopathy some service.

Dr. J. P. Dake spoke in approval of the labors of Dr. Henry S. Lentz, of Chesnut Hill, Philadelphia, in the preparation of medicinal articles of high excellence, and eminently worthy the patronage of the profession.

Dr. Warner's report on "cholera" was ordered to be printed.

Dr. Payne's resolution was then amended and passed, as follows:—

Resolved,—That, in accordance with the usages and dignity of scientific bodies, who very properly discountenance all extraordinary efforts on the part of the members of such bodies, to enhance individual interests, to the sacrifice of professional dignity and decorum, we, as an associated scientific body, will discountenance all like extraordinary efforts on the part of the members of this Institute, and whenever such cases come to our knowledge, well authenticated, we will sever such members from our connexion as no longer worthy of our sympathy and fellowship.

Moved by Dr. Dake, and

Resolved,—That upon evidence furnished by members of the Canadian Homeopathic Society, and upon the character of certain hand-bills, "Dioclesian Lewis, A.M., M.D.," be expelled without delay from this Institute, for having made extraordinary and notorious efforts to enhance his individual interests, to the sacrifice of professional dignity and decorum, and to the injury of Scientific Medicine.—Carried unanimously.

After considerable discussion, Chicago was chosen as the place of the next annual meeting, to take place on the first Wednesday of June, 1857.

The thanks of the Institute were then voted to Dr. Piper and Dr. Green and their ladies for distinguished hospitality, to Professor Henry for the use of the hall, and to the Chairman and Secretary, after which the Institute adjourned.

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RETROSPECTIVE.

HOPE for the future is sometimes obtained by meditating upon the past. A gradual improvement is best observed by comparing notes of different dates; and when our courage is exhausted with urging the truth and defending the right, we take fresh hope from what has been accomplished, and renewed vigor for the future!

Five years ago there were but two homeopathic physicians in Canada West. Beyond the limit of their influence, reform in medicine was almost unknown. Bleeding, blistering, physicing, and leeching were held as the *ultima thule* of medical accomplishment. Old physic was looked upon as holding a patent for all medical knowledge and skill. To submit to a thorough course of purging, blistering, and sweating was heroic, while to venture having the hooping-cough, measles, or colic without submitting to a course of heroics was unmanly in the patient and ungenerous toward the doctor; to submit to the pill and leeches, to have your mouth salivated, your teeth destroyed, throat ulcerated, and life-blood drawn was applauded, while to refuse to submit to so scientific a method was cowardice.

Since that time the scene is somewhat changed. No longer will sensible and intelligent people submit to the preposterous practice of seeking health by such means as will make well men sick instead of making sick ones well. More and more frequently do old school physicians meet the request, "Please, Doctor, do not bleed me, nor give me mercury," and the flat refusal of taking blue pills or submitting to a blister—thus