

of accident. His tables will be of especial value to those called upon to testify or advise upon the extent of disability set up by various injuries and the compensation to be allowed for the same.

It is hard with so much good material before us to select and specially mention several contributions, but I think that I ought to call attention to the valuable studies of Drs. Martin and Harvey Jones upon the Existence of Renal Casts without Albuminuria—to Dr. Shirres' singularly full studies upon a case of Porencephaly and the resulting tracts of degeneration—to Dr. England's remarkable case of the successful treatment of traumatic Rupture of the Rectum—and to Dr. Garrow's cases of ligature of the right common carotid for aneurysm.

The contributions that I have thus selected demonstrate, if anything be needed to demonstrate, the fact that our profession here in Montreal is accomplishing sound work in the forefront of medical and surgical advance.

The two discussions held—upon Gonorrhœa and upon Life Insurance—brought forward other able contributions from a large number of the members. The pity is that the papers contributed by those opening the subjects did not elicit quite so much discussion as we have had on previous occasions. Here I would point out the very great difficulty which your Council find in choosing subjects which shall promote discussions which shall be of general interest and shall excite active and speaking interest on the part of the members generally.

Turning now to the other work accomplished by the society I may point out that very many subjects have been taken up, notably, on Medical Defence, on providing an Infectious Hospital for the west end of the city and district, and upon Milk Inspection. Upon this last I need here say nothing inasmuch as I hope that Dr. Williams, the Secretary of the Milk Committee, will report progress to the Society.

With regard to Medical Defence we brought this subject before the annual meeting of the Canadian Medical Association and a committee has been appointed to report upon the subject at their next meeting in Winnipeg. The matter of the Infectious Hospital is still in debate, everything depending upon what the Town of Westmount decides to do. If the town be willing to build a hospital of suitable size, your Council, acting upon instructions received from you, have told the authorities there that the society will be willing to do what it can to interest the householders of Montreal in the matter.

Certainly the amount of routine business that has been brought before the society during the last two years, has been more than the society can well accomplish, and I can cordially sympathise with those members who feel that we have undertaken too much, I recognise that all