

this matter, and recommend that *Ophthalmia Neonatorum* be placed on the list of contagious diseases, and be subjected to the same restrictions. This carried.

Dr. T. T. S. HARRISON, of Selkirk, read a paper on some observations on the "Heredity of Cancer." In this paper the reader referred to many cases of cancer which had come under his notice during his long experience. Its occurrence in members of a family in one generation after another seemed to impress him that either cancer was hereditary, or, more possibly, that the tendency to this form of disease was transmitted.

Prof. WESLEY MILLS complimented the reader on his paper, and pointed out the importance of the study of heredity, a most interesting subject. He advised that practitioners should take notes of cases where heredity was suspected.

EVENING SESSION.

Dr. THORBURN, President, then delivered his annual address, commencing his remarks by expressing his thanks for the honor that had been conferred upon him in electing him President of the Association, the highest honor in the gift of the profession in Canada. Speaking of the death of Pasteur and the loss to medical science, he said that the great advance in the practice of surgery was due largely to the discoveries of the great scientists, alluding incidentally to Pasteur's successful treatment of hydrophobia, rabies, septicæmia, etc. After referring to the discovery of vaccination by Jenner, and the celebration of his centenary, he said that during the past year medical science had lost a valued son in Pasteur, who might fairly be credited with having put the germ theory of disease beyond all doubt. His success in the handling of patients who were presumably inoculated with rabies, was well known, and the knowledge that they had recently obtained respecting both the diagnosis and treatment of such diseases as hydrophobia, anthrax, tetanus, diphtheria, tuberculosis, Asiatic cholera, typhoid fever and septicæmia had already been productive of good results, and was likely to do much more in the future. After a passing reference to vaccination and its discoverer, Jenner, the President alluded to the deaths of Drs. Fenwick and Saunders, of Kingston, and Dr. Macfarlane, of Toronto, three honored members of the Association, who had all died from septic poison, received in the discharge of their duties. The important subjects of a common registration for the Dominion, or inter-provincial reciprocity, was next dwelt upon, and the opinion expressed that the time had arrived when the