

"tightly screwed up in a box," and "secured beyond the reach of touch" of the profane and curious, whose minute inspection might most seriously interfere with "the assertions of those most interested in the receipts." Our object in noticing this, is to expose a humbug, and to defeat the cupidity of parties deprived of the finer feelings of humanity.

QUEBEC MEDICAL SOCIETY.

This Society held an extraordinary meeting on the 25th inst., for the purpose of receiving the report of its delegates to the convention held at Montreal on the 21st of August last.

Dr. Sewell read the following report:—

The delegates appointed by the Quebec Medical Society, to represent their interests at the convention called at Montreal for the 20th of August last, beg to report that they proceeded to that City, and met on the above mentioned day the following gentlemen:—

Drs. Valois,	} Delegates from the District of Montreal.
Kimber,	
Arnoldi,	
Nelson,	
Drs. Marsden,	} Delegates from the District of Three Rivers.
Gilmour,	
Fortier,	
Dr. Hodder,	} Delegate from the Toronto and Niagara Districts.
AND,	
Drs. Badgley,	} Delegates from the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal.
Crawford,	
McDonnell,	
Fraser,	
David,	

Dr. Morrin was called to the Chair, and Dr. Badgley requested to act as Secretary.

Your delegates regret extremely, (as well, no doubt, the Profession at large), that the objects of the Convention were not so fully carried out as might have been wished, in consequence of a misunderstanding having arisen between the delegates of the District of Montreal, and those of the Medico-Chirurgical Society; as to the right of the latter to be present at a meeting of the delegates from the different *Districts*, they being *merely* representatives of a Society.

In this question your delegates, (being also the delegates of the *District* of Quebec,) were necessarily obliged to take part; and a division being called for, it was found that a *simple* majority of the meeting were of opinion, that the said delegates did not represent any *district*, and that by consequence, had no right to vote upon any question which might come before the Convention. The gentlemen, therefore, forming the Delegation from the Medico-Chirurgical Society, after having made a verbal protest, retired, accompanied by Drs. Hodder and Marsden.

The Society will perceive, that by this first step its delegates were left to act in their single capacity as delegates from the District of Quebec.

In conclusion your delegates deeply deplore the re-

sult of this, the first attempt to bring together in convention, the members of the Medical Profession scattered over this extensive province; a measure which when effected, (as your delegates fondly anticipate will shortly be the case), must tend not only to the elevation and advantage of our own body, but also, to the interests of the public at large.

All of which is humbly submitted.

(Signed) Jos. PAINCHAUD,
J. BLANCHET,
Jos. MORRIN,
JAS. A SEWELL,
ED. ROUSSEAU.

Quebec, October 1845.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

1st. That the report now read, be adopted and entered upon the minutes.

2nd. That the best thanks of this Society are due, and are hereby given to the delegates, who proceeded to Montreal to represent its interests at the Convention.

3rd. That this Society learns with regret, that the efforts of its delegates have not been crowned with more satisfactory results. But this Society is disposed to attribute this circumstance more to the misunderstanding in the manner of calling the Convention, than to any material difference of opinion on matters affecting the general interests of the profession.

Dr. Painchaud then laid before the meeting, a copy of the report of the delegates of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal, erroneously addressed to him as Secretary of the Quebec Medical Society.

The report having been read, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

That the Quebec Medical Society views with regret the 4th resolution of the Montreal Medico-Chirurgical Society, adopted at its meeting of the 30th of August last, but at the same time, in consideration of the circumstance alluded to in the 3rd resolution adopted this day, does not feel itself called upon to give any expression of opinion on the votes of its delegates at the late Convention.

That a copy of the minutes of this day's proceedings be transmitted to the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal, and that they be published in the British American Journal of Medicine.

J. Z. NAULT, *Secretary*.

BILLS OF MORTALITY.

We are happy to announce, that in pursuance of the suggestions thrown out on this subject in the fourth number of our Journal, the corporation of this city has perfected a measure, with the above object in view. A copy of the by-law has been, we understand, forwarded by the city clerk to the different medical gentlemen of the city who will, we doubt not, cheerfully further the end which it is the object of the act to secure. We now hope that the other Provincial cities will follow the example of the metropolis, and we shall soon have valuable statistic returns of disease and mortality, afford-