showed a handsome balance. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected:

President .- Dr. George Ross.

1st Vice-President.—Dr. Richard A. Kennedy. 2nd Vice-President.—Dr. Thomas A. Rodgers.

Treasurer.—Dr. W. A. Molson.

Secretary .- Dr. O. C. Edwards.

Council.—Dr. Francis W. Campbell, Dr. Roddick, Dr. Osler.

## WYETH'S HYPOPHOSPHITES OF LIME AND SODA WITH COD LIVER OIL.

This preparation represents in a convenient form one of the most efficient and popular remedies in cases of a pulmonary character, with tendency to hemorrhage, loss of appetite, cough, and especially when attended with emaciation.

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This preparation, like every other bearing the name of this firm, is composed of the very best materials, and made up with the utmost care.

## PIGEONS AS MESSENGERS FOR PHYSI-CIANS.

A late number of the New York *Times* says that:—

"A physician of Erie, Pennsylvania, is training homing pigeons for use in his practice. Some of his young birds put upon the road to make records for distance have made very good time, viz., 50 miles in 90 minutes, 66 miles in 82 minutes. Homing pigeons are largely used by country physicians both here and abroad. One doctor in Hamilton County, N. Y., uses them constantly in his practice, extending almost over two townships, and considered them an almost invaluable aid. After visiting a patient he sends the necessary prescription to his dispensary by a pigeon; also any other advice or instruction the case or situation may de-

mand. He frequently also leaves pigeons at places, from which he wishes reports of progress to be dispatched at specified times or at certain crises. He says he is enabled to attend to a third more business at least through the time saved to him through the use of pigeons. In critical cases he is able to keep posted by hourly bulletins from the bedside between daylight and nightfall, and he can recall case after case where lives have been saved which must have been lost if he had been obliged to depend upon ordinary means of conveying information.

## PERSONAL.

Dr. Bibaud, Professor of Anatomy in Victoria College, had an attack of paralysis from which he died on the 18th October.

Dr. H. Larue, Professor in Laval Faculty of Medicine, died at Quebec on the 26th of September. He was an able and accomplished physician.

Dr. George W. Nelson (C.M., M.D., Bishop's College, 1879) has, owing to ill health, been obliged to relinquish practice at Marbleton. He shortly leaves for California, where he intends to settle.

Dr. Robert H. Wilson (C.M., M.D., Bishop's College, 1881) succeeds to Dr. Nelson's practice at Marbleton.

Dr. F. M. R. Spendlove (C.M., M.D., Bishop's College, 1881) has commenced practice at Beebe Plain, Que.

Dr. Mills (M.D., McGill College, 1880) has commenced practice in Montreal. He has been appointed assistant to Dr. Osler, professor of physiology in McGill College.

## REVIEWS.

Anatomical Studies upon Brains of Criminals.

A contribution to Anthropology, Medicine,
Jurisprudence and Psychology. By Morize
Benedikt, Professor at Vienna. Translated
from the German by E. P. Fowler, M.D. New
York: Wm. Wood & Co., 1881.

The author starts with the proposition of Erasistrates that man thinks, feels, desires, and acts according to the anatomical construction and physiological development of his brain. If the cerebral constitution be normal, the individual is presumably sane and moral; if abnormal, he may be insane or criminal. The author affirms that the majority of condemned criminals present one of