

After a careful observation of a number of selected cases for three months, some under a tonic expectant treatment, others treated with arsenic, and a third series with cod liver oil, the results arrived at by the author are that the patients treated expectantly or by arsenic, always lost weight, whilst those under cod liver oil gained weight and strength. A daily record of temperature, sweating, diarrhoea, weight, and strength, as tested by the dynamometer, is given. The cases selected were those in which the diagnosis was certain, and the disease pursuing a chronic course.

Meetings of Medical Societies.

MEETING OF THE WESTERN AND ST. CLAIR MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The twelfth regular meeting of the Western and St. Clair Medical Association was held at the Biddle House, Detroit, on Tuesday.

The following members were present :

Dr. Bucke, Superintendent Insane Asylum, London ; Drs. Bray and Holmes, Chatham ; Dr. Rutherford, Chatham ; Dr. Flemming, Chatham ; Dr. Fraser, Sarnia ; Dr. Lambert, Windsor ; Dr. Coventry, Windsor ; Dr. Casgrain, Windsor ; Dr. Tye, Thamesville ; Dr. Edwards, London ; Dr. Van Velsor, Blenheim ; Dr. Beemer, Asylum, London.

There were also present a large number of professional brethren from Detroit, among whom were the following :—Prof. McGraw, Gilbert, Jenks, and Drs. Chaland, Rouse, Connor, Lundy, La Ferte, Hawes, Smith, Brodie, Shurley, Gregory and Barclay, of Detroit ; and Dr. Langlois, of Wyandotte, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at one p.m., with the President, Dr. Tye, in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A telegram from Prof. McLaren, of Ann Arbor, regretting his absence, and a letter from Dr. Abbott, of Chatham, saying that he would read his paper at the next meeting in London, were read by the Secretary.

General business came next in order. Dr. Bray observed that on account of the meeting being held at Detroit, and of the large attend-

ance of visiting brethren to whom purely business matters would be uninteresting, it would be advisable to defer such business, none of which was pressing, till the meeting at London. Dr. Coventry contended that business questions should be considered whether interesting or otherwise to the Detroit brethren. He then objected to the change of place of meeting, and moved that the meeting should adjourn to Windsor. Dr. Casgrain seconded the motion. Drs. Bray and Bucke explained that the subject of change of place of meeting had been fully discussed at the last meeting, and that four distinct advantages were mentioned to each member in the territorial division for holding meetings in Detroit and London semi-annually.

Dr. Bray moved an amendment to the motion that further discussion upon this subject be postponed until next meeting.

Dr. Lambert seconded the amendment, which was carried.

Dr. Coventry remarked that as he could not carry his motion he saw no use of remaining, and walked out of the meeting.

A very excellent paper was then read by Dr. Holmes on "Some of the Therapeutic Uses of Cold Water." The paper was of such practical utility to the general practitioner that nearly all present took part in discussing the arguments presented in it.

Prof. McGraw then read a very carefully prepared and eminently scientific paper on "Diagnosis and treatment of malignant growths." It was listened to with the undivided attention of the hearers, and served to diffuse new and important light upon this branch of surgery. A vote of thanks was tendered the Doctor for his essay.

Papers were promised for the next meeting by Drs. Smith, Abbott, Rutherford and Fraser.

The meeting was then adjourned to assemble at London in January, 1879.

N. H. BEEMER, *Secretary*.

The Bathurst and Rideau Medical Society held their Annual Meeting on June 29th, and elected the following officers :—President, Dr. Grant ; 1st Vice-President, Dr. Cranston ; 2nd Vice-President, Dr. DesLoges ; Treasurer, Dr. Hill ; Secretary, Dr. Lynn.