

TORONTO EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the subscribers to this Institution was held at the Infirmary, No. 21 Adelaide st. West, Tuesday evening the 23rd December.

From the report of the Directors we see that the Infirmary is increasing in usefulness from year to year. The date of the Annual Meeting having been changed from June to October, the Directors and Surgeons have brought down their report to October 1st, embracing a period of 16 months. During this period 510 cases were admitted, 87 as *intern* and 423 as *extern* patients.

This, we learn, is an increase of 151, or about 42 per cent. over the previous 16 months. There were 386 eye patients, 108 ear patients, and in 16 cases the disease was not registered.

The results of treatment are as follows: Diseases of the eye, cured, 130; improved, 150; relieved, 11; disease unknown, 95. Total, 386.

Diseases of the ear, cured, 35; improved, 46; relieved, 7; disease unknown, 20. Total, 108. Not registered, 16.

Classification of diseases of the eye: Eyelids, 83; lachrymal passages, 13; conjunctiva, 116; cornea and sclera, 109; iris and choroid, 14; retina and optic nerve, 16; vitreous body, 2; crystalline lens, 22; ocular muscles, 4; eyeball, 5; sympathetic diseases, 2. Total, 386.

Diseases of the ear: Ext. Meatus, 27; middle ear, 70; eustachian tube, 11. Total, 108. Not registered, 16.

There were 107 surgical operations performed; 27 of which were for cataract. The operation preferred by the surgeons for hard senile cataract is Liebreich's flap downwards, with a small iridectomy. Nine patients were operated upon by that method, and in two cases both eyes were so treated, giving eleven operations. There were no total failures. In one case a subsequent operation for occlusion of the pupil had to be resorted to. In another case the operation was successful, but the eye being amblyopic, vision was very little improved. In a third case (an old woman aged 82) the operation was successful, but a needle operation will be necessary to divide a slightly opaque capsule. In a fourth the result is given as simply "improved." In the remaining cases

more satisfactory results were obtained, the patients regained good vision and were able to read newspaper type with cataract spectacles.

The meeting was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks being tendered to A. T. McCord, Esq., President; to W. T. Mason, Esq., Secretary, and to Drs. Rosebrugh, Reeve and Coleman for their gratuitous services. At a subsequent meeting of the new Board of Directors the following appointments were made: Dr. Rosebrugh, Surgeon; Dr. Coleman, Assistant Surgeon; Drs. N. Agnew and W. H. Miller, Clinical Assistants.

FINANCES.—Bills, stating the amount due from each subscriber, will be enclosed in this number, and we hope our friends will not overlook them. The majority of our subscribers require only to be reminded regarding such matters, and many remit without any notice whatever; but there are others to whom we shall be under the necessity of appealing with considerable earnestness, if they still continue to disregard our claims. The demands of our paper-manufacturers, printers and binders are constantly pressing upon us, and must be met. We trust, therefore, that those of our subscribers who are in arrears, and especially those who have never yet contributed anything to the support of the LANCET, will remember us in this season of "compliments and happy greetings," and immediately remit the small amount due.

LEEDS AND GRENVILLE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the profession in the above counties was held at Brockville, on the 22nd ult., for the purpose of forming a Med. Association, and to take into consideration the proposed Amendment to the Medical Act. Dr. Morden was chosen President; Dr. Addison of Farmersville, and Dr. Wallace of Spencerville, 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents; Dr. Elkington, Secretary, and Dr. J. E. Brouse, Treasurer. A General Committee was also appointed, consisting of Drs. Scott, Giles and Sparham, and the officers, who were to, be *ex-officio* members of said committee. Dr. Addison gave notice of the following resolution for next meeting.—That this Association disapproves of the annual taxation of the medical men of Ontario, as proposed in the Medical Bill, sub-section 4, section published in the October number of the *Lancet*.