

that diphtheria had been more prevalent than usual in this and other states, and suggested that the board issue a circular on the subject. Dr. Hitchcock was requested to prepare such circular. The causes of diphtheria were thoroughly discussed, and the opinion seemed to prevail that sewer gas, dampness, and mould had much to do in causing it, although it is a contagious disease.

Dr. Kedzie made a brief report, giving an account of experiments and tests for the detection of lead in tin utensils in common use, having examined quite a number of specimens. He found about three-fourths of all the specimens examined contained lead in considerable amount. These examinations were brought about by a communication from Dr. Edward Dorsch, of Monroe, Mich., which had been referred to Dr. Kedzie as committee on Prisons, etc. Dr. Dorsch detailed some cases of lead poisoning from the use of tin utensils. The test which Dr. Kedzie gave for this adulteration is quite simple. Place a drop of nitric acid on the tin to be tested, and evaporate to dryness; then add a drop of iodide of potassium. If lead is present, there will be a yellow coloration. If it is not present the spot will remain white.

A communication was received from the local board of health in the township of Minden, Sanilac county, stating their action for preventing the spread of glanders by killing and burying a horse affected with that disease, and that an action for damages had been commenced by the owner of the horse against the individual members of the board.

UNION MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—At a meeting of the "Union Medical Association" held at Mount Forest on the 15th of February, it was unanimously resolved:—"That it is the opinion of this association that the principles of contract prices with families, secret societies, clubs, or railway companies, is unjust to the profession at large, and has a tendency to lessen the respect due us from the community, and also to lessen the estimation in which our services should be held by the public."

Also:—"That the charges for office practice, advice, &c., should range from \$1.00 to \$4.00, this being only an equivalent to the charges made by other professional men for less important services."

Moved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the CANADA LANCET for publication.

THOS. KIERNAN, M.D.,
Secretary.

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, COUNTY OF OXFORD.—On Thursday, the 31st Jan., a large number of the medical men of the County of Oxford met in the Mechanics' Institute, Woodstock, for the purpose of forming a medical society for the county. The meeting having been called to order, Dr. Bowers in the chair, the minutes of two preliminary meetings were read and confirmed. The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year:—President, Dr. John Turquand, Woodstock; 1st Vice-President, Dr. Bowers, Ingersoll; 2nd Vice-President, Dr. Massecar, Tilsonburg; Secretary, Dr. A. H. S. Hill, Woodstock; Treasurer, Dr. T. Millman, Woodstock.

Dr. H. McKay, of Woodstock, read an interesting paper on "Maternal Impressions" which, after having been discussed, was requested to be published in the CANADA LANCET. The meeting adjourned to meet in Ingersoll, on the second Thursday in April.

COUNCIL EXAMINATIONS.—The professional examination of the College Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario will commence on the 29th inst. The matriculation examination will take place on the 23rd and 24th inst.

CORONERS.—A. McKay, M. D., of Ingersoll, to be an Associate Coroner for the Co. of Oxford.

J. G. Davidson, M. D., of West Flamboro', to be an Associate Coroner for the Co. of Wentworth.
John J. Farley, M. D., of Belleville, to be an Associate Coroner for the Co. of Hastings.

The death of Prof. Wm. Stokes of Dublin, is announced.

Births and Deaths.

At Glanford, on the 10th Feb., the wife of Dr. Farewell, of a son.

In Toronto, on 1st March, the wife of A. De La Haye, M.D., of a son.

At Tavistock, on the 16th of January, John Adams, M.D., in the 36th year of his age.

In Montreal, on the 27th Feb., Dr. Duhamel in the 68th year of his age.

In Belleville, on the 23rd ult., James Lister, M.D., in the 67th year of his age.

* The charge for notice of Births, Marriages and Deaths is fifty cents, which should be forwarded in postage stamps with the communication.