

Dr. DeGarmo, of New York, delegate N. Y. State Medical Society, will read a paper on "The Treatment of Hernia by the General Practitioner." Dr. Grainger, Associate Editor of the *New York Medical Journal*, and Dr. A. R. Robinson, of New York, will probably be present and contribute papers. It is expected there will be some interesting discussions in connection with the report of the Committee on Ethics which was tabled last year. The question of publication of their transactions by the Association will also be prominently brought forward by the committee appointed for the purpose.

Although many of the members will doubtless turn their faces westward this year, the Association should not be allowed to suffer in attendance or in interest, and we would urge as many as possible to be present at this meeting, which will probably be held in the new Parliament Buildings.

A FEW DRY FACTS ABOUT THE HOSPITALS OF ONTARIO.

The Twenty-third Annual Report of the Inspector of Public Charities upon the hospitals of the Province may be considered rather dry reading, taken as a whole, yet it contains many items of interest to medical practitioners. From it we learn that the Toronto General Hospital had under treatment for the year ending September 30th, 1892, 3,075 patients: of these, 1,742 were males, and 1,333 females: 2,515 were Protestants and 520 Roman Catholics: of the revenue for its maintenance, \$24,525.43 came from the Province, \$17,315.60 from the city, and \$17,667.80 from paying patients. The revenue from all sources was \$86,720.83, and the total expenditure \$71,444.90. The report states that "it is the best hospital in the Province as regards accommodation and management. This institution is very ably managed by Dr. Chas. O'Reilly, who takes a great interest in the welfare of the patients." The Hospital for Sick Children also came in for its share of praise from the Inspector. "The Board of Trustees deserves a great deal of credit for the attention given to the oversight and management of this institution. Much of the responsibility has devolved upon Mr. John Ross Robertson, and to a great extent he may be said to be the founder of this hospital, which for its size and the number it is designed to

accommodate, cannot be surpassed in this or any other country." The revenue for the year was \$32,396.79, and the expenditure \$33,718.14. Over \$21,000 came from subscriptions, donations and bequests from private individuals. The number of patients treated in the Homœopathic Hospital was 308. The revenue was \$10,453.71, and the expenditure \$9,791.76. "Every department was clean and tidy." The City Hospital, Hamilton, admitted 734 patients. The expenditure was \$21,152.34. "The management, under Dr. Olmstead, is all that could be desired." We notice that the amount spent for drugs was \$1,292.16, and only \$70.15 for surgical instruments. St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, cared for 223 patients and spent \$28.62 on surgical appliances. By way of comparison, it may be mentioned that \$3,191.92 was spent by the trustees of the Toronto General Hospital for medical and surgical appliances and surgical instruments. The General Hospital, Kingston, admitted 789 patients. The amount for surgical instruments and appliances was \$447.33. "The hospital was clean, well ventilated, and in satisfactory order throughout. In my last minutes of inspection I called attention to the necessity for a new laundry and operating room, and an apartment for lying-in cases, and I hope these improvements will be carried out during the ensuing year." The Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston, admitted 438 patients during the year. Every department was in the best of order, clean and well kept. The General Protestant Hospital, Ottawa, admitted 442 patients and expended \$12,515.04. "There is a good staff of medical officers and nurses. The hospital was in good order." Roman Catholic Hospital, Ottawa: number under treatment, 723: cost of maintenance, \$12,502.74. "The institution was in the best of order throughout." The total number under treatment at the House of Mercy Lying-in Hospital, Ottawa, was 350. General Hospital, London, admitted 541 patients. There was no expenditure for surgical instruments, but \$135.50 was spent for medical and surgical appliances. "There is a good staff of medical attendants." The report gives a detailed statement concerning the other hospitals in the Province, and has kind words for most of them. The names of the other institutions, with the number of patients admitted during the year, is as follows: