

**CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.**—The twentieth annual meeting of the Canadian Medical Association, will be held in Hamilton, on August 31st and Sept. 1st. The following discussions will be held:—On "Empyema," by Dr. McPhedran, of Toronto; "Subinvolution of the Uterus," by Dr. Eccles, of London; "Present state of Cardiac Therapeutics," by Dr. Stewart, of Montreal; Dr. William Osler, Philadelphia, "The Cardiac Relations of Chorea"; Dr. T. Wesley Mills, Montreal, "A Physiological Basis for Improved Cardiac Pathology"; Dr. Arch'd Malloch, Hamilton, "Report on Twenty Cases of Tracheotomy in Diphtheritic Croup"; Dr. William Gardner, Montreal, "A Year's Work in Abdominal Surgery"; Dr. Ryerson, Toronto, "Ophthalmic Epilepsy"; Dr. Buller, Montreal, "Headaches in Connection with Certain Ocular Defects"; Dr. Stirling, Montreal, "A Few Points in the Etiology and Treatment of Strabismus"; Dr. W. H. B. Aikins, Toronto, "The Detection of Typhoid Bacilli in Drinking Water." The surgical discussion will be opened by Dr. Grasett, of Toronto. The following are the officers of the Association for the present year:—President, T. K. Holmes, M.D., Chatham; President Elect, J. E. Graham, M.D., Toronto; General Secretary, James Stewart, M.D., Montreal; Treasurer, Charles Sheard, M.D., Toronto.

**COCAINE POISONING.**—The frequent reports of unpleasant and even fatal symptoms supervening upon the administration of cocaine in even small doses, should lead practitioners to exercise due care in the use of an agent, which, after all, seems to miss in its specific action about as often as it hits. The following case from the *Centrbl. Fur. Chir.* is one in point. The amount used was a grain and a-half, injected subcutaneously, in a patient æt. 57: Three-quarters of an hour after the injection the limbs of the patient were without sensation, the pupils were much contracted, and the pulse was rapid. Two hours later the pupils were abnormally dilated, the heart was beating violently, and the secretion of urine was very much increased. The skin was constantly cold, and there was difficulty in swallowing, with cessation of the secretion of saliva, heavy breathing, and complete sleeplessness for thirty hours. The attack returned after the main symptoms had passed away, first, after two days and again at the end of a week.

**TREATMENT OF ANEURISM.**—At the May meeting of the American Surgical Congress at Washington, Dr. T. G. Richardson read a paper (*M d. News*) on the Treatment of Aneurism, in which he gave a case of cure of aneurism of the femoral artery by suspending the limb flexed at right angles at the hip and knee. The tumor was of the size of a goose's egg, irregularly flattened, and wanted none of the characteristic signs of aneurism. The patient was a shoemaker, 55 years old, anæmic and delicate, and had contracted syphilis nine years before. On the first day the Dr. found an improvement in the condition of the tumor, coagulation had taken place in a few days, and in a week later the patient was dismissed cured. After a few months nothing remained to mark the site but a small nodule. The writer drew attention to the fact that no pressure was exercised on the tumor, and believed that the cure was entirely effected by flexion and suspension of the limb, and especially the latter, under the action of gravity.

**ILLNESS OF PROFESSOR BILLROTH.**—It will be of interest to our readers to know that the disease, which so nearly carried off one of the brightest lights in the profession was acute pneumonia, which supervened upon an attack of bronchitis. Von Bamberger and Nothnagel were in attendance. The patient received the greatest benefit from inhalations of pure oxygen which was prepared daily. Under this treatment (*Br. Med. Jour.*) the dyspnœa diminished, the pulse became stronger, and consciousness gradually returned.

**NASAL HEMORRHAGE.**—Plugging the posterior nares is not necessary, until the simpler method has been tried of firmly grasping the nose with the finger and thumb, so as to prevent any air from passing through the passage. Jonathan Hutchinson says he has never seen a hemorrhage from the nose which could not be checked by immersing the feet and legs up to the knees in water as hot as it could be borne.

**MEDICAL** men wishing to attend the coming International Congress, at Washington, should send their names to Dr. J. E. White, 185 Carlton St., Toronto, who is making arrangements by which a Pullman car shall be secured at cut rates, to run through to New York, Philadelphia and Washington.