

day, October 31st; the President, Dr. Powell, in the chair. The Secretary's report was read, showing the affairs of the society to be prosperous. It was unanimously decided to hold the regular meetings twice a month during the coming year. The following officers were then elected:—President, Dr. J. A. Grant; Vice-Presidents, Drs. Horsey and S. Wright; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Grant, Jr.

At the regular meeting, November 14th, the President delivered the annual address, which will appear in our next issue. At the next meeting the city health and local sanitary matters will be considered, the Board of Health being invited to be present.

BRITISH DIPLOMAS.—Dr. E. M. Hewish (Toronto), has received his Diploma of the Royal College of Surgeons, England.

Drs. Dorland, Davy, Lawton and Stalker (Trin.) have taken the L. R. C. P., Edin., and Dr. W. F. Freeman (Trin.) has taken the triple qualification of the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons of Edinburgh and Glasgow.

T. S. Covernton, M.D., L.R.C.P., Edin., son of Dr. C. W. Covernton of this city, has recently passed the examination for the Diploma of Sanitary Science in the University of Cambridge. This examination is the most severe of any of the kind in any part of the world.

APPOINTMENTS.—Dr. J. J. Gardner has been appointed Visiting Physician to the General Hospital *vice* Dr. Burland, resigned.

Drs. C. A. Sharpe and D. A. Cameron have been appointed on the assistant staff of the Montreal General Hospital *vice* Drs. Graham and Ferguson, resigned.

Dr. J. E. Jenner has been appointed on the assistant staff of the Toronto General Hospital.

Dr. A. T. Carson has been appointed lecturer on Botany in the Women's Medical College, Toronto.

PERSONAL.—The friends of the Rev. Dr. Johnston of Brownstown, Jamaica, the well-known missionary, will be pleased to learn that he has finished his medical course at Edinburgh, and has returned to the scene of his labors. He was greeted on his return most enthusiastically by his people and congregation. He took the degree of M.D. C.M. in Trinity Medical College, Toronto, and

subsequently obtained the double qualification of L.R.C.P. & S. Edin. We wish him continued success and prosperity in his good work.

THE NEW SPECIFIC FOR RHEUMATISM.—In the *N. Y. Med. Journal* for Nov. 8th, 1884, Dr. Seelye, of Amherst, Mass., gives an analysis of 118 cases of rheumatism treated with the new specific—the oil of gaultheria, or oil of wintergreen. His experience of its use has led him to place great reliance upon it in the treatment of all rheumatoid affections. It may be administered in capsules or combined with salicylate of sodium or in an emulsion of ten minims of the oil to half a drachm each of glycerine and water. Relief was usually obtained within from twelve to twenty-four hours.

PICROTOXIN IN NIGHT-SWEATS.—In the hope of obtaining a remedy that would control the exhausting night-sweats of phthisis, Dr. Cauldwell of St. Joseph's Hospital, New York, has made a series of experiments with several recognized remedies and has arrived at the conclusion that picrotoxin comes nearer the ideal than any other drug. It was prescribed in twenty cases, in seventeen of which the perspirations were either entirely checked or materially diminished. A single full dose $\frac{1}{4}$ of a grain at bed-time was generally sufficient to control the sweating.

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.—We are pleased to announce that Dr. Joseph Workman of this city was elected an honorary member of the Phreniatric Society of Italy in September, 1883; also an honorary member of the British Medico-Psychological Association in July, 1884. We congratulate the worthy gentleman upon the appreciation of his labours by his confrères both at home and abroad.

IMPOTENCE IN THE MALE.—The following is highly recommended by Dr. Hammond, of New York:

R. Strychniæ sulph.....gr. i.
Acid phos. dil. 3 i. M.

Sig.—Ten drops to be taken in a teaspoonful of fluid extract of coca before meals.

Dr. H. O. McLatchy, of Wolfville, N.S., has received a silver cup as a special prize for a specimen of apples at the fruit and vegetable show in the Crystal Palace, London, Eng.