

by the proper Committee, or by a special committee for the purpose. The following is the paragraph:—

“Your Committee feel that the regular medical profession has suffered through its unwillingness to give its attitude on such matters the publicity that they merit. When one bears in mind the persistency with which the irregular practitioners obtrude their views before the public, it does seem that methods must be adopted to meet this by the giving to the people the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth upon medical practice and the need for a highly trained medical profession. It appears to your Committee that it should be entrusted with the duty of promptly answering the claims and contentions of all who would lower our standards. The people must be reached through such means as the Committee may deem advisable.”

It may be frankly admitted that adopting good resolutions will lead no where unless they are followed. For thirty-nine years the Ontario Medical Association has been passing splendid resolutions, and little or nothing has come of them, because there was no machinery to follow them up. This is not the way to make real progress.

Officers for 1919 were elected as follows:—President, Dr. F. W. Marlow, Toronto; First Vice-President, Dr. J. H. Mlin, Hamilton; (re-elected); Second Vice-President, Dr. H. F. Farley, Trenton; Treasurer, Dr. G. Stewart Cameron, Peterborough; Secretary, Dr. T. C. Routley, Toronto (re-elected); Assistant Secretary, D. F. C. Harrison, Toronto (re-elected); and Councillors, Drs. J. H. MacGregor, London; E. R. Secord, Brantford; J. P. Morton, Hamilton; F. A. Clarkson, Toronto; T. S. Farncomb, Trenton; H. A. Boyce, Kingston; E. B. Oliver, Fort William (all re-elected.)

#### DEATHS IN ONTARIO FOR MAY.

Although there is a decrease in the number of communicable diseases for the month of May, there is an increase in the number of deaths due to the fact that in the monthly report of the Provincial Board of Health for May of this year influenza, influenzal pneumonia and primary pneumonia are included in the statistical table, whereas last year they were not. There is a continued decrease in the number of cases of influenza and pneumonia. About the same number of deaths is due to influenza and acute influenzal pneumonia; but acute primary pneumonia caused about three times as many deaths as the other two combined.

There is a regrettable increase in the cases of syphilis and gonorrhoea over the month of April. But there is a satisfactory showing in the reported cases of syphilis in contrast to the cases for last month. In May there are 98 cases as against 110 in April of syphilis; in gonorrhoea there are 129 cases as against 139 in April; while in chaneroid there are 5 cases as against 3 in April.