

the following memorial on behalf of the members of the Society :—

“ At the regular meeting of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal, held on Friday, May 27th, 1892—the President (Dr. Buller) in the chair, and forty members present—the question of appointing an expert for performing autopsies ordered by the coroner was discussed. The very inefficient and unsatisfactory manner in which, with a few memorable exceptions, such coroner’s autopsies have been performed has been a subject of regret to all who desire to see this important work carried out in a satisfactory manner. It has been felt by members of the medical profession of Montreal that the ends of justice have been more than once defeated by the unsatisfactory way in which the work has been done. In most of the cities of the size of Montreal a thoroughly competent person with special training performs this work, and it is felt that the time has come when the city and district of Montreal should have the advantage of such special skill.”

The following resolution embodying these views was moved by Dr. T. G. Roddick, seconded by Dr. W. H. Hingston, and carried unanimously :—

“ Whereas, the city of Montreal is without a properly qualified expert to perform autopsies for medico-legal purposes ; and

“ Whereas, the present system of allotting coroner’s autopsies to the physician most readily accessible at the time is such that it is impossible for any one physician to acquire the experience necessary to become an expert ; and

“ Whereas, the system adopted in European and most American cities allotting all medico-legal autopsies to a specially qualified coroner’s physician has proved highly satisfactory ;

“ Resolved,—That the Government of the Province of Quebec be, and hereby is, petitioned to appoint some capable physician thoroughly skilled in post-mortem work to act as coroner’s physician for this city, and to perform all autopsies for medico-legal purposes within the city and district of Montreal.

“ F. BULLER, President.

“ KENNETH CAMERON, Secretary.”