

the whole country. This could only be done by each member of the Association doing his best to bring one or more new members into its ranks.

QUACK MEDICINES.

Dr. Barrack presented the report of the Committee on Legislation. While noting with pleasure the advance made in legislation in Ontario, in regard to the health of the public, they begged to impress on the Association the advisability of bringing to the attention of the Government two matters: (1) The appointment of a committee to supervise, in some way, the various quack and other advertisements in the public press, appealing to and deluding the sick and afflicted; (2) In rural districts to have one medical health officer for the county instead of one for each municipality. The report was adopted after some discussion.

VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES.

One of the members drew attention to the proposal to found an order to be called the Victorian Order of Nurses. He thought the scheme crude and impracticable, and one that would do untold harm to the Canadian public. The result of half-trained nurses—and he contended they would be only half-trained—going into the sparsely settled districts to look after the sick would be an increase in the death-rate. The high death-rate in England was, according to the best authorities, due in no small degree to the large number of midwives in that country. The matter was one which ought to be seriously considered by the Association, all the members of which had the health of the public in view. He moved, "That in the opinion of the Ontario Medical Association the proposal to found a Victorian Order of Nurses is an unnecessary and impracticable scheme."

OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES.

The seconder of the motion said that while he had the utmost respect for many of the schemes and works which Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen was engaged in, he did not agree with this movement. The pamphlet issued from the office of the Governor-General at Ottawa in regard to the order contained some objectionable features. One of these was a statement in effect that Canada needed more Dr. MacLures, men who were not in the