

to give it in an agreeable way and by the natural passage.

Dr. Dean: I had occasion to treat some cases of oxyuris vermicularis, and I used glycerine with good effect. I related this to Dr. Hermann, of this city, and sometime afterward he brought me two children who were troubled with oxyuris vermicularis, they were little girls, and the worms had gotten into the vagina, which is frequently the case. And he used glycerine in these cases with good effect. I advised him to be careful in the use of glycerine, however, but he got an excellent result. I have often seen the good result of the use of glycerine injected into the rectum of children for this trouble. The worms shrink and shrivel up, and it is only a few minutes until the bowels are emptied of the worms. The astonishing feature to me is that the beneficial effect of glycerine in the condition mentioned by Dr. Love has not been discovered before. I have for many years used glycerine injections for these worms that I have mentioned, but is only within a few days that I saw this use of glycerine in constipation suggested.

Dr. Frank Glasgow: Some years ago I read an account of a series of experiments which had been instituted by some Frenchman, who made various applications of medicine to the surface of the body for the purpose of determining whether they would be absorbed or not. He found that remedies in glycerine solution were not taken up into the blood. This is probably because there is an exosmosis going on, of the watery particles of the blood, to the glycerine. It occurred to me that this was the same process which caused the result, which Dr. Love mentions; and if so it seems to me it would render inoperative the use of glycerine *per rectum* as a vehicle for the conveyance of systemic remedies.

Dr. Love: The suggestion which Dr. Glasgow has made is a very good one, and it is probable that the use of glycerine for the purpose suggested by Dr. Meyer would be contra-indicated. I want to say that Dr. Barclay failed to grasp the main idea in the paper; that is that the glycerine by injection on account of its affinity for water produces an irritation of the sentient nerves followed by a peristalsis, and this secures a prompt action, the impulse being given from below upward securing a prompt effect.

The administration of glycerine by the mouth has no bearing on the subject whatever.—*Journal of the American Medical Association.*

Rideau and Bathurst Medical Association.

The regular semi-annual meeting of the Association was held at Ottawa, on Feb. 22nd. There were present, Doctors Sir James Grant, Hill, Sweetland, Macdougall, W. R. Bell, Powell, Robillard, Chipman, Small, Horsey, Rogers, Mark, Hurdman, Baptie, H. P. Wright, O'Brien, Kelly, Cousens, Baird, G. H. Groves.

The President, Dr. Cranston, Armprior, not being able to attend, the chair was ably filled by the Vice-President, Dr. Powell.

In his opening remarks the attention of the Association was directed to the loss it had received by the death of three of its most active members, since its last meeting—Drs McFarlane, of Almonte, Beatty, of Richmond, and Whitford, of Ottawa. A resolution of condolence was passed, copies to be sent to the family of each deceased member.

The question of illegal practitioners was brought up and complaint made that the Council made no effort to protect this portion of the province. The Secretary was directed to communicate with the Registrar on the subject. After further general business the reading of papers was proceeded with.

Dr. Horsey presented a carefully prepared paper on *Pyrexia*, discussing the various theories regarding this phenomenon in a thorough and comprehensive manner.

Vote of thanks was passed unanimously.

Dr. Rogers read a paper entitled "*Rapid dilatation of cervix uteri*," in which he advocated the treatment of sterility, flexious and dysmenorrhoea by this method. He described the operation and the instruments to be used and reported a number of cases treated successfully. A lengthy discussion followed on the dangers and complications likely to influence the operation.

Dr. Chipman read some clinical reports of cases of *pneumonia* occurring in the City Hospital and Dr. H. P. Wright reported a case of persistent *hernate-mesis*.

Carleton Place was selected as the next place of meeting.