

for conducting "a staff of physicians" who promised a long-suffering public a cure for every ill. When they were brought before the magistrate in Toronto, the charge of fraud was dismissed, and they entered action against the Medical Council for false arrest. It is needless to say the action was never pressed, and now Dr. Hale has received from an English tribunal, the punishment that should have been meted out to him in Canada.

THE PATIENT'S CONSENT ALONE IS NECESSARY TO THE PERFORMANCE OF A SURGICAL OPERATION.

—In a case where action was brought against a physician for having removed a cancerous breast without the husband's consent, the Supreme Court of the United States maintained that the husband had no right to withhold from his wife the medical assistance which her case might require, and that the consent of the wife, not that of the husband, was necessary. "The professional men whom she called in and consulted, being possessed of skill and scientific knowledge, were the proper persons to determine what ought to be done. They could not, of course, compel her to submit to an operation, but if she voluntarily submitted to its performance, her consent will be presumed, unless she was the victim of a false and fraudulent misrepresentation, which is a material fact to be established by proof. Indeed, the party who allows a surgical operation to be performed is presumed to have employed the surgeon for that particular purpose."

The *Montreal Medical Journal* concludes a touching obituary notice of the late Dr. Geo. Ross, Vice-Dean of the Medical Faculty of McGill University, in the following words: "Those who associated with the deceased can never forget the quick, clear intellect, the high tone, and the gentlemanly professional bearing which always characterized the man. He was an unwavering friend—a man who rigidly eschewed all *ad captandum vulgus* methods—and one whose manner of life was a model for the young physician. His literary polish, combined with his great skill and experience, made him an especially acceptable teacher of students at the bedside, while his bearing towards all was the best possible illustration of

the happy union of the skilled physician and teacher with the accomplished gentleman and the true man. While he instructed a class at the bedside, he never forgot the individuality of his students, and many of them will remember with perennial gratitude his tactful and tender handling of their natures. How forcibly are we reminded—those who have known and worked with our esteemed and too early departed friend and colleague—that 'the night cometh when no man can work.'"

—**WATERLOO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the physicians of the county of Waterloo was held in the American hotel, Berlin, on December 9th, to form a county medical association, the following gentlemen were present: Drs. Hawk, Wardlaw, and Cameron, of Galt; Noecker, Bowman, and Wells, of Waterloo; Lockhart, of Hespeler; Lundy, of Preston; D. S. Bowlby, H. Bowlby, Minchin, McArthur, Clemens, and Hett, of Berlin. The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m., and Dr. D. S. Bowlby was elected chairman. The first business transacted was the discussion and adoption of a constitution and set of by-laws to govern the association, which had been previously prepared by Dr. Lundy, of Preston. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. Lundy, Preston; 1st Vice-President, Dr. D. S. Bowlby, Berlin; 2nd Vice-President, Dr. Lackner, Berlin; Secretary, Dr. Cameron, Galt; Recording Secretary, Dr. Noecker, Waterloo; Treasurer, Dr. Webb, Waterloo. Councillors: Dr. Vardon, Galt; Dr. McArthur, Berlin; Dr. G. G. G. Elmira. The next meeting of the Association will be held early in February, 1893.

—**TRAINED NURSES.**—The following is a list of the ladies who have recently completed the course and passed the necessary examination qualifying them as trained nurses of the Toronto General Hospital Training School. The Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Kirkpatrick were present and distributed the certificates: Mrs. Minnie Gardner, Toronto; Mrs. Annie Bolton, Misses Pauline McDougall, Macville; Ruth Pirt, Orillia; Maud Dover, Haliburton; Helen McDonald, Peterboro'; Alice J. Scott, Mary Easton, Toronto; Minnie Ashton, Rednersville; Annie White, Clarksburg; Menia