

against it and expressed the opinion that the present system of intercourse by delegates served to meet the requirements.

The subject of amalgamation was also dealt with by Dr. Hingston in his address before the Canada Medical Association in September last (see "Transactions"), in which he repudiated the idea of amalgamation on the part of the Canada Medical Association. He said:—"The Canada Medical Association did not ask for amalgamation, or to absorb or be absorbed by the American Medical Association; but merely for "a conference at some central point" so as to become "more intimately acquainted," and to discuss "medical and surgical questions on a common basis."

If our representatives at Philadelphia asked for more, they were not so commissioned; and in resolving that "a union of the two associations into one is desirable," they expressed their own views, advanced and liberal, no doubt,—but spoke not for the Canada Medical Association, which, at Niagara in 1874, asked merely for a "medical conference," for the "discussion of medical and surgical questions on a common basis" without either association losing, or wishing to lose, its identity.

He also said that "union for scientific purposes was alone possible," but that all matters pertaining to medical ethics or education could not possibly have been discussed or settled by two peoples so near each other in many things, so far asunder in others." We fully endorse the sentiments expressed by Dr. Hingston, and trust that the two associations may have a long career of usefulness before them, each in its own sphere, and that the closest friendship and mutual good-will may always exist between them. The system of sending delegates each to the other association cannot, at least for many years to come, be improved upon.

BOVINE VIRUS, NEW STOCK.—A case of spontaneous cow-pox has lately occurred among the herd of Mr. Leuey, of Longue Pointe, Quebec. Dr. Messey, of Montreal, district physician, has been successful in securing and propagating this virus under the name of the "Leuey Stock." It is now being used by the Board of Health, Montreal. It has also been used by several medical gentlemen in Montreal with the most satisfactory results. Dr. Messey now offers it to the profession with the full confidence in its purity and reliability.

TURKISH ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.—The Turkish Army Medical Service is said to be in a most deplorable condition. It is totally inadequate in numbers and quality, and the condition of the sick and wounded is most distressing. The supplies are scanty, and the unfortunate wounded are days without any relief, surgical assistance, or even food. After a battle near the Shipka pass in which 6,000 were wounded, there were only four surgeons to look after them. The English and foreign surgeons who have gone to the seat of war have not been very cordially received, and in some instances were forbidden to perform operations necessary to save the lives of the soldiers. The Turkish medical officers at Erzeroum refused to allow amputation to be performed, because "it was better the men should die than become a burden on the Sultan." Instead of the inhuman Turks being thankful of assistance, the English aid societies have actually to compel them to receive help for their sick and wounded.

NO EXCUSE FOR ANY ONE BEING OUT OF EMPLOYMENT.—Our attention has been called to some new and useful household inventions recently patented by L. E. Brown & Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio, which make housekeeping a pleasure, instead of a dreaded necessity. They have been having a very large sale for them throughout the United States, and now wish to introduce them through the Dominion of Canada, and offer good reliable lady or gentlemen canvassers an opportunity seldom met with for making money rapidly. For terms and territory write at once to L. E. Brown & Co., 214 and 216 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

IMPROPER REGISTRATION.—Dr. F. D. Gilbert, of Sherbrooke, Que., has brought a charge against Dr. G. E. Fenwick, of Montreal, and Dr. E. D. Worthington, of Sherbrooke, of issuing a false certificate of registration to a physician, to enable them to secure the proxy of the latter at the election of the board at Three Rivers, Quebec. The case is now before the courts for investigation, and we refrain from any comments at present. We hope for the credit of the profession in Quebec that the whole matter may be satisfactorily explained.

HEROIC CONDUCT REWARDED.—A pleasing incident at the meeting of the British Medical Association, was the presentation of medals to several