

take place on Wednesday afternoon, but as this would interfere with one of the most important sessions of the meeting, the Committee was unable to accept the invitation.

We learn from the General Secretary, Dr. Osler, of Montreal, that several who have signified their intention to read papers have not yet officially notified him. Such parties are requested to do so at once. Arrangements have been made with the different Railway and Steamboat Companies for reduced rates, and the necessary certificates may be obtained from the General Secretary, or any of the local Secretaries, Dr. A. H. Wright, Toronto; Dr. Belleau, Quebec; Dr. Rigby, Halifax; Dr. C. Holden, St. John.

We hope members of the Profession will remember that the museum will be one of the most important features of this meeting, and will endeavour to gather together a collection of specimens, including those pathological and physiological, as well as all kinds of appliances, surgical and otherwise, which will be alike creditable and instructive.

The following papers are among those promised :

(1) Dr. Goodwillie, New York, "New Operation for Closure of Hare Lip, and the Hard Palate Immediately after Birth;" (2) Dr. Walker, Detroit, "Stone in the Bladder;" (3) Dr. A. A. Browne, "Some points in Forceps Application;" (4) Dr. Buller, "The Electro-Magnet in Ophthalmic Practice;" (5) Dr. Sutherland, "Exhibition of a Series of Specimens Illustrating the Modes of Termination of Aneurism;" (6) Dr. J. C. Cameron, "Axis Traction;" (7) Dr. F. J. Shepherd, "On Cervical Ribs;" (8) Dr. F. J. Shepherd, "Note on the Treatment of Mammary Abscess;" (9) Dr. Alloway, "Exhibition of (1) a Model of a Gynæcological Couch, (2) of a New Speculum, (3) of an Ether Inhaler;" (10) Dr. Gardner, "Rare Form of Uterine Tumour;" (11) Dr. Hingston, "On Certain Obstructions in the Air Passages;" (12) Dr. Osler, "On Echinococcus, Disease in America;" (13) Drs. Osler and Oakley, "Demonstration of Tubercle Bacilli;" (14) Dr. Harrison, Selkirk, "A Peculiar Form of Fever;" (15) Dr. Ferguson, "Parasitic Diseases of the Ear;" (16) Dr. Ferguson, "Report of Three Cases of Eczema." (17) Dr. Fulton, "Polypoid Fibroma of the Bladder."

PERCENTAGE ON PRESCRIPTIONS.

There has been a good deal of discussion in the lay press on the subject of the receipt of a percentage on prescriptions by physicians from druggists. One of the Toronto papers especially which has generally been very fair in its reference to the medical profession has had a good deal to say on the subject on various occasions, and has frequently made the very serious statement that such a practice is quite common among the physicians of Toronto. We would like to think that the practice is not common here, but regret exceedingly that we are unable to say that such is the case. There is no doubt that a number of physicians do take the percentage, and in fact make quite a revenue from it.

To any fair-minded man, be he professional or otherwise, there can scarcely be two opinions on the subject. The practice is most reprehensible in every respect, and we can only wonder why it has ever received any countenance. It is neither dignified from a professional point of view, nor straightforward in a business aspect. It is a mean petty way for the physician to make a few cents extra on a consultation, while at the same time an injustice is being done to the public, because, argue as you will, the percentage comes out of the patients' pockets, and that too without their knowledge, if we except the few who have become initiated.

We have no intention, however, of discussing the matter in detail, but simply allude to it at the present time with the hope that members of the profession, or at least those opposed to the practice, will do all in their power to stamp out the pernicious custom.

CLINICAL EXAMINATIONS.

We publish in this issue a letter from "Practitioner," to which we direct the attention of Dr. Burns, and other members of the Medical Council who take an especial interest in the subject of Clinical Examinations. As the writer of the letter is one of the ablest Clinical teachers we have in the country, his opinions are well worth careful consideration, and we cordially endorse the views he expresses, and the plan he proposes, *i.e.*, the one adopted by some of the examining bodies in England.