

on Europeans ; and Practical Observations on the Prevention of Cholera, by Dr. Godfrey. The discussions arising from these papers have been of a most interesting character, and have been entered into with spirit and good feeling. Several other papers are already promised, and the society will soon be engaged in the consideration of questions of much interest to the profession generally. Of the eighty physicians now practising in Montreal, considerably more than half are members of the society ; and the council hope to be in a position to announce at the next annual gathering, that every practicing physician in the city and neighbourhood has enrolled himself among its members. From the promptness with which members have paid their fees, the funds of the society are in a satisfactory state, and the council trust that the society will be enabled to remove in May next to more convenient and eligible quarters.

The whole, nevertheless, respectfully submitted.

The report was unanimously adopted, when the chairman, Dr. Hingston, said :

GENTLEMEN,—You must all regret, as I do, the unavoidable absence, this evening, of our President, Dr. Campbell, whose presence would alone have been of far more importance to the society, at its annual gathering, than any observations I may have it in my power to make. But particularly is it for me to regret that absence, inasmuch as it imposes on me the duty, as chairman for the evening, of making a few remarks on the state and prospects of this, our young society. It is only five months since it was first organized, and its present state—which cannot be regarded otherwise than satisfactory—is sufficiently made known in the report just read. And now, with what prospects of success do we enter upon a new year in its existence ? With eighty physicians practicing within the city limits ; and with about twenty more within an area of as many miles ; with two flourishing medical schools, three large hospitals, and three dispensaries, there is certainly no lack of *material*, or of minds to mould it into shape. Medical societies exist all over the civilized world. In Germany every little town has its *réunions* of this character, and the medical press of that country teems with original observations of an interesting character. Surely, then, Montreal can have *one* such, where members may meet to discuss matters of professional importance. The organization of a Medical Society is most opportune at the present time, when attention is uneasily directed to the progress of a much dreaded disease on the other side of the Atlantic. It will be the duty of this society, on the one hand, to suggest proper precautionary measures, and, on the other, to calm the fears of those who may be needlessly alarmed. And the views, here enunciated, will find a ready vehicle for expression in the