

the action. For the defence Dr. Freel called witnesses to prove that Dr. Hunter himself stated that he was afraid a portion of the placenta had been left in the uterus, and that the friends of the deceased mentioned this to Dr. Freel. His reply was "if Dr. Hunter left a portion of the placenta in the uterus it would account for the woman's condition," and this was essentially the statement he had made to other parties in the village. Dr. Hunter and his witnesses on the other hand testified that the statement was to the effect that if he (Dr. H.) had been obliged to remove the placenta a portion might have been left and caused trouble, but under the circumstances he could not account for her condition. A large number of witnesses, lay and medical were examined on both sides, and the trial occupied three days. In his charge to the jury the judge explained that any expression of opinion by Dr. Freel to the friends was privileged, but statements made to parties outside adverse to Dr. Hunter, or with a view to injure him constituted slander. The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff and \$50 damages.

**APPOINTMENTS.**—Dr. T. W. Mills has been appointed Prof. of Physiology and General Pathology in McGill Medical College, *vice* Prof. Osler; Dr. Wilkins, Professor of Practical Histology, and Dr. Sutherland Professor of Morbid Anatomy.

Drs. P. R. Inches, St. John, N.B. and J. H. McCollum, Toronto, have been appointed medical examiners under the Civil Service Act.

**CORONER.**—Dr. D. D. W. Harrington, of Halifax, has been appointed coroner for the City and County of Halifax.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.**—The Chairman of the Ontario Board of Health desires to acknowledge with thanks contributions to their reference library of hygiene from the following publishers:—D. Appleton & Co., New York; A. E. Wilde & Co., Cincinnati; Henry C. Lea's Son & Co., Philadelphia; Jansen, McClurg & Co., Chicago; G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York; Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston; Harper & Bros., New York; Geo. S. Davis, Detroit.

**AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION.**—The 12th annual session of this association was held in St. Louis, Mo., on the 11th of October and three

following days, under the presidency of Dr. A. C. Ghion. About 150 members were present. A large number of interesting papers on sanitary questions were read and discussed. Dr. C. W. Coverton, President of the Ontario Board of Health, and Dr. Bryce, Secretary, were present as delegates from Canada.

**MEDICAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.**—Dr. Allison, of Bowmanville, will again be a candidate for election to the Council for the Territorial Division of King's and Queen's. He has been a most able and faithful representative and we hope to see him re-elected. We know that the interests of the profession and the Council are very dear to him, and are in hopes that he will, some of these days, grant the institution a liberal endowment.

**MONTREAL MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.**—The following have been elected officers of this Society:—President, Dr. Roddick; 1st Vice do., Dr. Alloway; 2nd Vice do., Dr. Trenholme; Treasurer, Dr. Molson; Secretary, Dr. Gurd; Librarian, Dr. Reed; Council, Drs. G. Ross, Kennedy and Rodger; Publication, Drs. Cameron, Ross, Bell and Kennedy.

**REMOVALS.**—Dr. Coleman, of St. John, N.B., has removed to Baltimore, U.S., to practice his profession. He carries with him the hearty good wishes of his Canadian confreres.—Dr. Atherton, of Fredericton, N.B., has removed to this city. We welcome him to our midst and wish him every measure of success and prosperity.

**TRIPLE VALERIANATE.**—Dr. Goodell recommends the following in the treatment of certain nervous diseases in females:

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Ft. pil. No. xx.

Sig. One three times a day.

**PRESENTATION.**—Dr. Aiken, of Weston, Ont., who is removing to California, on the occasion of his departure, was presented with an illuminated address, accompanied with a silver tea service for Mrs. Aiken, by his numerous friends in the village and neighbourhood.