

bers of the existing Societies and of all such others as shall hereafter be formed for the same purpose, be considered de facto members.

II, *Resolved*, That the objects of this General Association shall be ; The advancement of Medical Science in the most extended sense of the term, but especially, the acquisition of statistical information regarding this country, as tending to settle the mean duration of life, under the peculiarities of climate, geographical position, geological structure, and atmospherical influences. The protection of the interests of the qualified and licensed practitioners against the inroads and usurpations of the unlicensed.—The establishment of that union and good feeling among the members of the profession which should characterize men engaged in the same pursuits and animated by the same desire to see their profession in Canada occupy its merited position, and the formation of a fund for the relief of incapacitated or decayed but deserving members, their widows and orphans.

III, *Resolved*, That the association shall meet in each successive year at a City or town in Eastern and Western Canada,—that the members of the different branch Societies who shall be present at the annual meetings represent the Societies to which they belong, respectively—that members of the profession not belonging to such branch Societies shall be admitted into the association by ballot, on presentation of the degree, diploma, or license under which they are practising, and that the transactions of the Association be yearly published under the supervision of the respective Committees who have conducted the investigations to which the several papers refer, and of a general committee of management.

IV, *Resolved*, That the annual subscriptions be devoted to meeting the necessary expenses attendant on the publication of their transactions and the ordinary business of the Society, and to offering prizes for the best communications on subjects of interest to be determined upon at the annual meetings.

V, *Resolved*, That members of the Profession not being already members of the existing Societies or of any of the Branch or District Societies to be hereafter formed, be required to pay, in addition to their annual subscription, an entrance fee : but that a strong recommendation be made for the establishment of such District Societies with a view to their general amalgamation.

RETAINED PLACENTA.

DR. ROBERT LEE has recorded in his *Clinical Midwifery* the histories of seven fatal cases of retained placenta, and nineteen in which more or less difficulty and danger were produced from portions of the placenta or the entire mass being left within the uterus beyond the usual period. The best method, he says, of preventing the occurrence of similar accidents, is to apply the binder immediately after the birth of the child, to make pressure with the hand over the fundus uteri at short intervals, and slight traction upon the cord downward and backward in the direction of the hollow of the sacrum. By these means the upper part of the uterus usually goes on contracting till the placenta is