

these cities could be easily reached by members living on any of the three great lines of railway; that freedom from interruption would be secured; that local jealousies and responsibilities would be avoided, and that some of the members would have other business in these cities which could be likewise attended to.

The tenure of office of those annually elected expiring at this meeting, the under-named gentlemen were proposed and elected to the following official positions:—

Dr. Tye, President.

Dr. McAlpine, Vice-President for Middlesex.

Dr. Lougheed, Vice-President for Lambton.

Dr. Lambert, Vice-President for Essex.

Dr. Sampson, Vice-President for Kent.

Dr. Fraser, Treasurer.

Dr. Beemer, Secretary.

Drs. Bucke and Richardson, Auditors.

All the purely business affairs of the Association now being over, the members prepare themselves for the literary and scientific treat they were about to enjoy in listening to the papers read by those members who had engaged to furnish them.

Dr. Fleming, of Chatham, read a carefully prepared paper on the "Causation and Pathology of Typhoid Fever."

A long and spirited discussion succeeded upon this subject, which was very ably dealt with by a number of gentlemen present, among others by Prof. McGraw, of Detroit. The greatest interest was evinced by each member in relation to this subject, and while some diverse views were maintained with force and ability, the utmost courtesy was displayed for opposing opinions. The conclusions arrived at were that typhoid fever may be, though rarely is, communicated from the patient to a healthy person, or may result from imbibition of impure water or by inhalation of poisonous atmosphere.

Dr. Fleming received the thanks of the Association for his paper.

The *piece de resistance* then followed, which was an elaborate and wholly original essay on "The Moral Nature and the Great Sympathetic," by Dr. Bucke, Superintendent Insane Asylum of London. A concise yet comprehensive review of this essay could only be given by reproducing *in extenso*, as the logical connection

between the several links in the chain of argument were so intimate that one could not be given without the others.

Dr. Sampson, in moving a vote of thanks, said that such an essay could not but reflect credit upon the members of this Association, and also upon the members of the profession throughout the world.

Dr. Tye, in seconding the motion, considered the Ontario Government fortunate in securing the services of a gentleman of such exceptional ability and executive power. Prof. McGraw, of Detroit, was elected honorary member of the Association.

Papers were promised for the next meeting by Drs. McGraw, Holmes, Lunley and Rutherford.

The meeting then adjourned, to meet at Detroit in June next.

After adjournment all present accepted Dr. Abbott's kind invitation on behalf of the Chatham Medical Association, to enjoy the hospitality of that Association at the Garner House, where a sumptuous repast was in waiting.

A. H. BEEMER, Secy.

Miscellaneous.

The Edinburgh University has this winter 2,252 students, divided as follows: faculty of medicine, 922; of arts, 919; of law, 347; of divinity, 64.

The Germans propose to lengthen their already comparatively long period of study for a medical diploma. *Deutsche Med. Wochenschrift*, Nos. 46 and 47, 1877.

Dr. Bigelow reports in the *Practitioner* a case of tetanus caused by a rusty nail in the foot, which was relieved in less than thirty minutes by introducing a drachm of chloral hydrate into the wound after it had been enlarged by incision.

CANADIANS IN ENGLAND.—H. C. Murray, M.D., McGill College, and A. Laphorn Smith, M.D., Laval College, having passed the required examinations have been admitted members of the Royal College of Surgeons, Eng.