

a mile from Hardwar. In this tank the pilgrims bathe, present offerings, and drink of the water. The tank, which had a mud bottom, was deepened, paved, and a siphon constructed so as to bring a constant supply of fresh water to it from the Ganges. As a result of these precautions, although two cases of cholera occurred during the fair, yet the disease did not become epidemic.

It seems reasonable enough to think that similar sanitary measures enforced at Mecca, on shipboard, and along the routes of travel visited by the pilgrims would produce equally happy results.

It is earnestly to be hoped that the representatives of European and American Governments may convince the Sublime Porte that it is quite possible to be reverential to the religious lessons of the past without countenancing and helping on a useless destruction of life. But more remains to be done. The light of science is strong enough to penetrate the gloom of Turkish ignorance, and the energy of European industry active enough to cleanse the Augean stables of oriental filth. If cholera, however, is to be stamped out in the East, the conference must not be so pliant as to suit the exigencies of politics, but firm enough to demand as a right what science and experience have proved to be true and necessary.

#### MEDICAL COUNCIL.

Medical Council Legislation is likely to again take up the time of our local legislators. We understand a bill will be brought before the House for re-arranging the constituencies and also a provision to bring on the council elections immediately. As regards the first part, since Dr. Meacham is sponsor for it, it will no doubt be fully discussed in the House.

In regard to the second (which there

appears to be an endeavour to burke), the provision to hold council elections immediately, there can be no two opinions from a professional point of view. A large section of the profession demanded certain changes in the council regulations, the council, if it pretended to represent the profession, should have given them an opportunity of voicing their sentiments at the polls. We do not propose at present to discuss the wisdom or unwisdom of recent legislation, what we do say is that the verdict of the profession is the only true guide, and that no electioneering interests on the part of the legislators should prevent them from allowing the physicians to decide their own questions in a constitutional way for themselves.

#### ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of this Association will be held in the city of Toronto, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 6th and 7th of June, and it is expected that, under the presidency of Dr. McFarlane, the meeting will be a conspicuous success. Papers are invited. Gentlemen desirous of reading papers or presenting cases before the Association are requested to notify the Secretary, by the 1st of May, of the title of the paper or character of the case, for submission to the Committee on Papers and Business.

Officers for 1894: President, Dr. L. McFarlane; Treasurer, Dr. J. H. Burns; Secretary, Dr. D. J. G. Wishart; Assistant Secretary, Dr. J. N. E. Brown.

DYSMENORRHOEA.—Electra B. Whipple, A.M., M.D. (*Buffalo Medical and Surgical Journal*, March, 1894), discusses this question under the headings of etiology, prophylaxis and treatment.

Etiology: Dysmenorrhœa may be (a)