

members of the Society, during their term of residence." Carried.

The Election of Officers then took place, with the following result:—President, Dr. Armstrong; 1st Vice-President, Dr. Shepherd; 2nd Vice-President, Dr. Wesley Mills; Secretary, Dr. Birket; Treasurer, Dr. J. A. McDonald; Librarian, Dr. Reed.

MEETING OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Mississippi Valley Medical Association, on the 10th, 11th and 12th of September, met in its 15th annual session, at Evansville, Ind., the crescent city of the Ohio. Dr. A. M. Owens, than whom there is no more perfect chairman of the committee of arrangements, had everything to perfection. The President of the Association, Dr. Geo. F. Cook, of Indianapolis, presided over the meeting. He waived his right to make a presidential address, in view of the amount of scientific work to be done, as the programme showed 98 papers to be read. The majority of these were read during the three days session, though the time for discussion was rather limited. Much time was saved by grouping papers on kindred topics and discussing them together.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Dr. Joseph M. Matthews, of Louisville, Ky.; 1st Vice-President, Dr. E. R. Earley, Ridgeway, Pa.; 2nd Vice-President, Dr. T. B. Harvey, Indianapolis, Ind.; Permanent Secretary, Dr. E. S. McKee, Cincinnati; Treasurer, Dr. C. F. McGahan, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Chairman Committee of Arrangements, Dr. I. N. Bloom, Louisville, Ky. Louisville was chosen as the next place of meeting; time, Sept. 9th, 10 and 11th, 1890.

To attempt to describe 98 papers would be entirely beyond the scope of this report, and will not be undertaken further than to say that all were good and many were excellent, showing that the physicians of the Mississippi Valley are up to the times, and are as full of energy as many of their patients are of malaria.

The social features of the meeting were not of little import. On the evening of the first day a banquet was given in a beautiful grove just out of the city, which was rendered perfect by perfect weather, everything else having been

perfected beforehand. A number of toasts were responded to which were called out by the ever eloquent toast master, Dr. I. N. Love, of St. Louis. A complimentary concert and ball were given on the evening of the second day, and many private social engagements were met. Evansville and her doctors covered themselves with glory.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS.

The second annual session of this organization was held at Cincinnati, Sept. 17, 18, 19, 1889, Dr. W. H. Taylor, Cincinnati, in the chair. A number of very interesting papers were read and discussed. Dr. E. E. Montgomery, of Philadelphia, was elected president for the ensuing year, and the next meeting will be held in Philadelphia, September, 2nd week, 1890.

In the address of Dr. Wm. H. Taylor, President of the Association, he expressed his satisfaction with the success of the first meeting at Washington, and hoped this second annual meeting would be as productive of scientific progress. He reviewed the advances made during the past year in this department of medicine, and referred to the increased accuracy in diagnosis which made the condemnation of laparotomy less frequent. The statistics of Munchmeyer and recent utterances of Sir Spencer Wells emphasize the propriety of uterine extirpation. The low death rate of myomata and great mortality from operation for their removal suggest rare resort to operative procedure. The management of the third stage of labor has been debated in Germany for several years with apparently small advantage to either combatant or science. One authority states that "one woman dies in Prussia every day from post-partum hemorrhage." So eminent an authority as D. Berry Hart has said that he considers the Crede the most dangerous plan possible for the removal of the placenta. With our idols being shattered about us, it behooves us to carefully survey the ground upon which our confidence is built.

The results of Cæsarean section recently, establish it as an operation of resort if the obstetrician would escape censure, and our judgment must determine to which cases the Porro modification is best adapted, and to