

moral I can deduce from the case is, that though the treatment in this case was ineffectual, no medical man should be discouraged in any similar cases, or forbear to try those remedies, either of position or physic, endorsed by many men of reputation, both in Europe and America.

F. B. McCORMICK.

Pelee Island, May 30th, 1887.

To the Editor of the CANADA LANCET.

SIR,—As it is not usual or necessary for the initials of one's degrees to be added to one's name in a communication to a medical journal, and, as I am not in the habit of adding them myself, I cannot see why M. D. is appended to my name with my communication in the May No. of the LANCET. You will not find them in the original MS., or if they are there, some one else must have written them, I am sure I did not.

Yours truly,

Ottawa, 20th May, 1887. EDWARD PLAYTER.

Reports of Societies.

ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The seventh Annual Meeting of the Ontario Medical Association was held in the theatre of the Normal School, on 8th and 9th June; Dr. J. H. Richardson, Toronto, President, being in the chair; Dr. J. E. White, Toronto, Secretary. The attendance was the largest the Association has yet known.

The morning session, June 8th, was chiefly spent in routine business. A congratulatory telegram was, on the motion of Dr. J. E. White, sent to Her Majesty the Queen as follows:—"The president and members of the Ontario Medical Association, representing the medical profession of Ontario, at their annual meeting, desire to express to her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, their sincere pleasure upon the completion of the fiftieth year of her reign; their steadfast loyalty to her throne and government, and their lively hopes that a beneficent Providence, which has directed and comforted her through her past, may grant health, comfort and happiness for many long years to come."

All present voted on this standing, after which the National Anthem was sung with great en-

thusiasm, and three cheers for the Queen given, time being taken both in the singing and cheering from the veteran president, Dr. Richardson.

Dr. Henderson's motion of forming a Medical Defence Fund then came up from last year's business. In speaking on the motion, Dr. Henderson said, "there was no more crying need on the part of the medical profession, than the taking of steps to protect themselves from unjust and unfair accusations. The case which called his attention specially to the subject, was one which had occurred in Eastern Ontario, and in which a medical practitioner had been prosecuted three years after he had ceased to attend the patient, who had emerged from sickness with a fair recovery in the opinion of eight doctors who had been afterwards consulted. The judge charged strongly in favor of the defendant, but the jury failed to agree, and the case was liable to be opened at any time, while already \$1,000 had been spent by defendant, and his practice greatly injured. If the Association would form a department or a fund to defend in such cases, it would be a powerful means of good; the Association would attract more members, and it would be a means of greater usefulness than at present."

The motion was agreed to, and the following gentlemen were appointed as a committee to bring the subject before the Association at some later stage of the proceedings:—Drs. Harrison, Selkirk; Thorburn, Toronto; Moore, Brockville; Taylor, Goderich, and Dr. Henderson, Kingston.

Dr. Ferguson, Toronto, moved that the following gentlemen be a temporary committee on physiology:—Drs. A. H. Wright, W. H. B. Aikins, Sheard, J. E. White and J. Ferguson, Toronto; MacCallum, London, and J. H. Duncan, Chatham. Carried.

Dr. Graham brought up the question of a medical reference library for this city; pointed out briefly the great advantage of such a library, and shewed how unfavorably Toronto contrasted with the great American centres of Medical Science, as New York, Philadelphia and others. Dr. McPhedran moved, seconded by Dr. N. A. Powell, that Drs. Mullin, Hamilton; Arnott, London, and Henderson, Kingston, be appointed a committee from this Association to act with the committee of the Toronto Medical Society in the formation of a medical library. Carried.