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## MEDICINES—THEIR USES AND ABUSES.

(Read before the Kingston Medical and Surgical Society.)

THIS evening I crave your indulgence while introducing for your consideration the uses and abuses of medicines. The public faith in the curative power of drugs is now and has been from time immemorial phenomenal, amounting almost, if not quite, to superstition. This belief in the efficacy of drugs has not been confined to the laity but has been and still is largely shared by the profession. Within the last few years