

Of those practising in this county at that time but four are alive to-day, three still at work where they then were, the fourth is in another part of the province. Since our last meeting, three who were formerly members of this society, Drs. COLEMAN, MITCHELL and MCKAY, have died: notice of their demise you have seen in the MARITIME MEDICAL NEWS.

A few days ago Dr. GRAY, of Mahone Bay, lost his life by an accident which should not have occurred. There are laws in this country for the protection of life and property, but these laws are not enforced, are not respected, and the result, in this case, is the loss of a useful life. Three other deaths have occurred within the year, making in all seven deaths of members of our profession since we last met. There may have been others of which I have not heard. In other parts of the world many of our profession have fallen, most of whom were comparatively young, whose life-work, though short, has been that of true service to humanity. This suggests the reflection that very many of our profession fall early in the struggle against disease and death.

The subject of prevention of disease is now a live question. It is now engaging the attention of many of the prominent men in the profession, and to some extent has taken a hold on the minds of the laity. During the past year it has come more prominently before the profession and the public, and has taken shape in actual work. This has been most noticeable in Great Britain and the United States, while Canada, so well to the front in other matters, is far behind in this work. In Nova Scotia we are doing, comparatively nothing. We have a Provincial Board of Health; if it lives we should see the signs of life in its work. It may be doing important work, of which we know nothing. I do not know that I am rightly informed as to the duties and powers of the board. But this I know, we want a live, active, Provincial Board of Health with the power and the means at its disposal for engaging in active sanitary reform, enforcing the sanitary laws we now have and inaugurating the work of prevention. In the work of prevention, sanitation holds a very important place. We may have good sanitation without prevention, we cannot have proper prevention without sanitation.

To the search for curative agents there is no limit. The host of investigators, and experimenters are pushing their work most vigorously. Valuable results have rewarded much of the research of recent years. Such progress has been made in every branch of medical science that it amounts to almost revolution. Medical science is eminently pro-