

and ethically prefers to term it, *Adrenin*.* The members of the Medico-Chirurgical Society were fortunate in hearing from Professor Schäfer the further outcome of this work of studies made by himself and his pupils upon the functions of the pituitary body, and of the discovery that this, small and insignificant as it seems, also affords an internal secretion or secretions, acting like "adrenin" upon the blood pressure and in addition having a profound diuretic effect, and, what is more, absolutely essential for the continued existence of the individual. What developments will proceed from these striking observations time alone can determine, but by analogy we are upon the threshold of advances of no little practical importance. Anatomist, histologist and physiologist, teacher, writer and investigator, it is given to few of the present generation to cut so wide a swath. McGill in honouring Professor Schäfer has yet more honoured herself.

* See his valuable Oliver-Sharpey lectures on the suprarenals, in the British Medical Journal, May 30th and June 6th of this year.

At a meeting of the governors of the Royal Victoria Hospital, the following appointments were made to the house staff for the year ending June 30th, 1909:—Admitting Officer, Dr. Scrimger; House Physicians, Drs. Logie, Landry, Murphy, Soley; House surgeons, Drs. Patterson, Quinn, Sinclair, Benvie, Chipman; House Gynæcologist, Dr. Burgess; House Ophthalmologist, Dr. Morin; House Otologist, Dr. Wright; House Anæsthetist, Dr. McGibbon; Externe in Medicine, Dr. Kaufmann; Externe in Pathology, Dr. Holman; Locum Tenens, Dr. Barry.

An Alumni Society has been organized in connexion with the Medical Faculty of McGill University. The following officers were unanimously elected:—Hon. President, Dr. F. J. Shepherd; President, Dr. R. Rutan; Vice-presidents, Four to be appointed to represent districts; Secretary-treasurer, Dr. J. A. Scane; Committee—Dr. F. M. Elder, Dr. Grant Stewart, Dr. A. H. Gordon, Dr. Herbert Ross, Dr. Geo. Shanks, Dr. O. S. Waugh, Dr. R. E. Powell.

CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The 41st meeting of the Canadian Medical Association was held in Ottawa, from June 9th to 11th, inclusive. About 225 members of the Association were registered.

If we are correct in estimating the practising physicians in Canada at 6,000, the sick of the land were not seriously neglected on account of the meeting.

Article VII of the Constitution of the Canadian Medical Association,