

The prognosis in primary organic dilatation also depends upon the success with which the fundamental disturbance is treated. Prophylaxis should be the primary consideration in the therapeutics of this condition. When the condition is present sto-

machics are indicated, or the use of the gastric sound, as recommended by Epstein. The electric current and cold applications are indicated only in the functional form of the condition. General treatment must also receive careful attention.

REPORTS OF SOCIETIES.

Meeting of the Ontario Medical Association.

The following programme has kindly been supplied us by Dr. J. E. White, secretary of the association:

Papers to be read by guests.—Dr. Wyeth, New York, on "Plastic operations for closure of urethral rectal fistulæ"; "Observation on intestinal sutures." Dr. A. W. Johnstone, Nashville, Kentucky. On "Soft myoma." Dr. C. C. Rice, New York.

Papers on subjects selected.—"Intestinal sections and sutures in cases of gunshot wounds." Dr. Oldright. "Coroner's Inquest." Dr. J. H. Richardson. "Bacteria: their influence on the blood." Dr. C. Shcard. "Neurasthenia." Dr. D. Clark. "Range of usefulness of pessaries." Dr. Temple. "Laparotomy in intestinal obstruction." Dr. McFarlane.

Discussion on Medicine.—"Malaria as the cause of disease." Opened by Dr. Mullin, Hamilton.

Discussion in Surgery.—"Urethral discharges." Dr. Grassett.

Discussion on Obstetrics.—"The diagnosis of obscure pelvic ailments." Dr. A. A. McDonald.

Discussion in Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology.—"Some diseases of the eye of interest to the general practitioner." Dr. Burnham.

Papers contributed by members.—"The so called moral insanity." Dr. J. Workman, Toronto. "Idiopathic glossitis." Dr. Hunt, Clarksburg. "Congenital goitre." Dr. McKenzie, Wingham. "Pathological Notes for 1887, of clinical interest." Dr. MacCallum, London. "Inguinal hernia." Dr. Robinson, Brampton. "Compound fracture of humerus, illustrating extension and secured by a modification of Sayer's short top splint." "Rest in neurasthenia." Dr. A. H. Walker, Dundas. "Craniotomy." Dr. Harrison, Selkirk. "Intubation in laryngeal diphtheria." Dr. Stark, Hamilton. "Empyema." Dr. Whiteman, Shakespeare.

"Antiseptic treatment of wounds of hand." Dr. Olmstead, Hamilton. "Life insurance and the relations of the profession thereto." Dr. J. Thorburn, Toronto. "Operations on bone." Dr. Dupuis, Kingstone. "Pilo carpin in the treatment of puerperal eclampsia." Dr. Irving, Kirkton. "Uterine electrolytic apparatus." Dr. A. M. Rosebrugh. "Leucocythemia." Dr. McPhedran.

These comprise the list received by Dr. White up to the time of going to press.

Notes on the meeting. The committee on arrangements are untiring in their efforts to make this meeting exceed all preceding ones. The enclosure of the special railroad certificate in envelope of its own is a good feature, and will be a great convenience to the members.

The programme this year is one of the finest specimens of the printer's art ever presented. Dr. Powell of Ottawa, who was to have opened the discussion in obstetrics, has been compelled to take an ocean voyage for his health.

The committee on ethics is going to strike out hard this year, certainly commercialism, itinerancy, and goody goody advertising are gaining daily and need attention.

The committee on publication are printing a large number of copies of the by laws and the code of ethics is to be included, and every member will receive a copy, so that ignorance of the code cannot hereafter be pleaded for any transgression. The Association this year will likely take action to have the tax removed from surgical instruments, a consummation devoutly to be wished. The necessity for an inebriate asylum will probably also prompt the Association to take up the question.

Dr. J. Stewart, of Montreal, leaves for England about the middle of June.

The names of Dr. McLean of Goderich, and Dr. McArthur of London, are mentioned as candidates for the Tecumseh and Malahide division, as Dr. Edward's successor. Dr. Bruce Smith, Seaforth,