

approved. The Treasurer's report, showing a very satisfactory state of the finances, was read and adopted.

The President then read the following address :—

*Members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec,—Gentlemen :—*The term of office of the present board of governors of the College terminates to-day, and a short retrospect of the proceedings of the Board during the past three years, and of any events of importance in the history of the institution of which we are all members, may be of some interest to you—and is doubtless expected from me as your presiding officer.

The last triennial period of the College history has not been characterized by any remarkable events. The Medical Act of 1876 (40 Vict., chap, 26), which was the model and basis of the existing Act, and the joint product of the Medical Board and the Medical Institutions of this Province, was, as you know, further amended, and passed almost exactly in its present form on October 1879 ; and its by-laws were sanctioned by His Honor the Lieut.-Governor on the 3rd Sept. 1880. It has been, therefore, the humble but important function of the retiring board during its three years of office to administer the affairs of the college in accordance with "statutes, rules and regulations," which had been just completed and transmitted to it by its predecessors.

One of the first acts of the Board at its first semi-annual meeting was to appoint an officer whose special duty it is to institute legal proceedings against persons infringing the provisions of the Medical Act, and as will presently appear from the report of that officer, a *systematic* effort has been maintained during the past three years, for the first time in the history of the College, to prosecute persons practicing the medical art without legal qualifications in the Province of Quebec.

As a summary of that report I may here state that 49 suits were instituted by the agent of the College ; 35 of which were successful, and 9 were lost through want of evidence ; 2 through exception to the form ; 1 through the plaintiff's lawyer failing to appear in court ; and 2 because the defendant *possessed the*