

Reports of Societies

ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

On the 4th and 5th days of June the Ontario Medical Association held their twenty-second annual meeting in the city of Toronto. Dr. Newton Albert Powell, Toronto, the President of the Association, occupied the chair, while Dr. Harold C. Parsons, of the same city, performed the duties of Secretary.

The meeting was one of the largest ever held by the Ontario Medical Association, nearly two hundred physicians being in attendance from different sections of the Province.

At the morning session of June 4th the following papers were read and discussed: "Deformities Consequent upon Injury, Either Traumatic or Pathological, to the Epiphyseal Cartilages in Long Bones," by B. E. McKenzie, Toronto; "Some Points in Life Insurance," by John L. Davison, Toronto; "Transplantation of the Omentum into the Abdominal Wall for the Relief of Ascites due to Cirrhosis of the Liver," by George A. Peters, Toronto; "The Cure of Chronic Bright's Disease by Operation," by Alexander Primrose, Toronto; "Tonsillar Hypertrophy, Its Operative Treatment, and the Comparative Value of the Different Methods," by Perry G. Goldsmith, Belleville; "Some Comparative Results of the Medical and Surgical Treatment of Appendicitis," by J. P. Armour, St. Catharines.

One of the most interesting discussions of the whole meeting arose over the paper of Dr. Davison with regard to examinations for life insurance. The medical men seemed to be of the unanimous opinion that the life companies did not pay enough for the examinations. Dr. Davison, as medical director of a large old line company, deprecated the careless examinations often sent in to be passed upon, and emphasized the importance of examiners sending a private letter to the medical director, which would always be held strictly confidential. After a long experience the companies had found it would be better for the examiner to give the examination paper to the agent and not send it direct to the head office. Dr. Davison gave some interesting statistics, culled from United States and Canadian reports, showing the large amounts medical men were drawing from the companies for life assurance examinations.

Dr. Peters' case of transplantation of the omentum was one which excited a good deal of attention. The patient, a man of