

needs. They might hold their meetings once a year or once a month, as they pleased, and either in one centre or various centres they might meet either as the whole branch or in sections according to locality. Where societies were numerous and well developed they were not in any way interfered with, nor had it been found in the oldest settled communities that the prosperity of any local institution was in any way interfered with. Thus no local jealousies arose, and while the Association fulfilled its great purpose of uniting the whole profession of this great empire in bonds of friendship and brought them constantly into touch with each other it aimed at fulfilling only such local needs as were found to require supplementing. He concluded by expressing his gratification at the unanimous and cordial manner in which the proceedings had been taken.

The following resolutions were then moved and carried unanimously:—

Moved by Dr. Hingston, seconded by Dr. Geo. Ross: "That this meeting of members of the medical profession, resident in Montreal, cordially sympathizes with the work of the British Medical Association in bringing the members of the medical profession throughout the whole extent of the British Empire into direct union and frequent intercommunication for the purpose of promoting mutual friendship, advancing scientific knowledge, and furthering the general interests of the medical brotherhood; and that it will use its best efforts to promote the extension of the membership of the British Medical Association throughout the Province of Quebec."

Moved by Dr. George Armstrong, seconded by Dr. J. Chalmers Cameron: "That it is desirable that a Montreal branch of the British Medical Association be constituted, and it is hereby constituted, subject to the sanction of the Council of the British Medical Association, its laws and by-laws."

Moved by Dr. Girdwood, seconded by Dr. Wilkins: "That the following gentlemen be, and they are hereby appointed,

officers of the Montreal branch, pending sanction by the Council of the Association: President, Dr. Hingston; 1st Vice-President, Dr. Geo. Ross; Treasurer, Dr. James Perrigo; Honorary Secretary, Dr. J. C. Cameron. Other members of Council—Dr. T. G. Roddick, Dr. F. W. Campbell, and Dr. Geo. Wilkins, with power to add to their number."

Dr. Cameron and Dr. Perrigo at once proceeded to enter upon their functions, and twenty-six of the gentlemen present signed forms of application to be admitted as members of the Montreal Branch of the British Medical Association. Dr. Cameron, hon. secretary of the branch, will be glad to have the names of other intending members throughout the city and province in order that as full a list as possible may be at once forwarded to the Council of the Association for election at their next meeting. We wish the branch every success.

BOOK NOTICES.

EXAMINATION OF WATER FOR SANITARY AND TECHNICAL PURPOSES, by Henry Leffman, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry in the Woman's Hospital College of Philadelphia, and William Beam, M.A., Demonstrator of Chemistry in the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery. Second edition, revised and enlarged, with illustrations. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co., 1012 Walnut street, 1891.

As the starting point of many acute diseases depends upon the contamination of water by sewerage, bacteria or some chemical substance, any information leading in the direction of making less difficult the means of discovering these deleterious ingredients must be very acceptable. Such is the purpose of this little book, viz., to act as an aid in making the analysis of water. The contents are divided as follows: History of Natural Waters; Analytical Operations; Interpretation of Results; Biological Examinations; Purification of Drinking Water; Identification of Source of Water; Technical Applications; Analytical Data.

MEDICAL JURISPRUDENCE AND TOXICOLOGY. A Text-Book, by John J. Reese, M. D., Professor of Medical Jurisprudence and Toxicology in the University of Pennsylvania; late President of the Medical Jurisprudence Society of Philadelphia; Honorary Member of the New York Academy of Anthropology; Corresponding Member of the New York Medico-Legal Society, revised and enlarged. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co. Price, cloth, \$3.00; leather, \$3.50.

This is the third edition of this volume, and it has been carefully edited and revised so as to bring it up to the present day. Much new material has also been added. This call for a third edition (to quote from the preface), within two years of the first issue is not only flattering to the author, as an