

mechanical and surgical treatment. Failure, also, often resulting from a want of persistence in the treatment adopted.

A Case of Extreme Antiversion and Antiflexion of the Uterus at the Full Term of Pregnancy.
J. E. TAYLOR, M.D.

Memoir of Edmund Randolph Peeslee, M.D., LL.D. By FORDICE BARKER, M.D.

In Memoriam Washington Lemuel Atlee. By T. M. DRYSDALE, M.D.

The Mechanism of Retroversion and Prolapsus of the Uterus considered in relation to the Simple Lacerations of the Cervix Uteri and their Treatment by Bloody Operations. NATHAN BOZEMAN, M.D.

We have only to add, in conclusion, that the majority of the papers read at this meeting are eminently practical in their character, of great utility for reference, and are exceedingly valuable additions to gynecological literature, without which no medical library can be considered complete.

CANADA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Association was held at London, Ontario, on the 10th and 11th of September. The attendance was good, and the interest manifested exceeded perhaps that of any previous meeting of the Association. The sessions were held in Victoria Hall, a very handsome one, and answered the purpose admirably, save in one particular, the want of committee rooms, which would have facilitated work to some extent had they been available. The Association was called to order shortly after ten o'clock on the 10th September by the President, Dr. J. D. MacDonald, of Hamilton. Dr. Brodie, of Detroit, was present as the representative of the American Medical Association, and the following gentlemen were introduced as visitors and invited to take seats on the platform: Drs. Gustin and Noyes, of Detroit; Dr. Dunlop, of Springfield, Ohio, and Drs. Goodwillie and Leaming, of New York.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Association were read by the General Secretary, Dr. David, of Montreal, after which Dr. Osler, of Montreal, on behalf of the Publication Committee, reported that the transactions of the

previous meeting had not been published, as the appeal among the members to subscribe for them had not been responded to in a manner to warrant the Committee in printing them. The only year that they had been issued the Committee was indebted to the profession in Montreal, who came to their assistance and donated a considerable sum for that purpose. Till the Association became financially stronger the Committee did not think it possible to print the transactions.

Dr. Botsford, of St. John, N.B., read an interesting report on climatology and epidemic diseases.

Dr. Riddle, of Toronto, read the report of the Chairman (Dr. Covernton, of Toronto) of the Committee on Medical Education. This report was an exhaustive and able one, but touched upon somewhat dangerous ground, and elicited remarks from several members of the Association, among them the President, and Drs. David and F. W. Campbell, of Montreal.

The reading of papers was then proceeded with.

Mr. Bucke submitted an excellent paper on "Alcohol in Health and Disease," in which he declared his belief that this stimulant could be very well done without in the practice of medicine. He related his experience in connection with the London Lunatic Asylum, and said that, after making exhaustive experiments, he had discontinued its use in the institution altogether. Alcohol was either a stimulant or it was not; either a means of doing good or of doing injury. He would not discuss the last idea, but submitted the opinion that it was at least of no practical benefit to persons either in health or disease.

Several gentlemen present raised a strong objection to the theory advanced by Dr. Bucke, believing that its use was decidedly beneficial. They agreed at least that there was no drug that could properly take its place.

Dr. Joseph Workman, of Toronto, was not in harmony with the ideas of Dr. Bucke, and quoted his experience in the Toronto Lunatic Asylum, when he was its medical superintendent, in support of his opinion. In the Asylum, however, he had seldom used it but as a means of comforting patients who were on the path to the grave, and making their last hours as painless as possible.