

RESIGNATION.—Drs. DeWolf and Fraser of the Hospital for Insane, Halifax, N. S., have resigned the offices of medical superintendent and assistant medical superintendent respectively. Troubles of a religio-political nature are the reasons assigned.

G. T. McKeough, M. B. Trinity Medical School has passed the primary examination of the Royal College of Surgeons England. Also D. H. Dowsley, M. D., Kingston, Ontario.

The death of Claude Bernard, the discoverer among other things of the glycogenic function of the liver is announced. He was 65 years of age.

The death of Dr. E. R. Peaslee of New York was announced on the 21st of January.

APPOINTMENTS.—Dr. A. P. Reid has been appointed medical superintendent, and Dr. Geo. L. Sinclair assistant medical superintendent of the Hospital for the Insane, Halifax, N. S. They are both members of the Faculty of the Halifax Medical College.

R. J. Mattice, M. D. of Moulinette, to be an Associate Coroner for the united Cos. of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

N. Brewster, M. D., of Ridgeway, to be an Associate Coroner, for the Co. of Welland.

H. N. Elliott, Esq., of Manitowaning, to be an Associate Coroner, for the District of Algoma.

J. A. Sinclair, M. D., of Hastings, to be an associate coroner for the Counties of Northumberland, Durham and Peterborough.

J. R. Anderson, M. D., of Ailsa Craig, to be an associate coroner for the County of Middlesex.

P. L. Graham, M. D., of Bothwell, to be an Associate Coroner for the County of Kent.

Reports of Societies.

WESTERN AND ST. CLAIR MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Chatham in January last. The members present were as follows:—Drs. Bucke, Fraser, Beemer, Mitchell, Samson, Van Velsor, Tye, Smith, Graham, Rutherford, Lumley, Bray, Holmes, Murphy, Richardson, Bright, Fleming, Van Allan, Sive-wright, Abbott, Winter, Professor McGraw, of Detroit, and Dr. Bates, of Washington.

The minutes of the last meeting, held at Sarnia,

were read and adopted. Several communications were read—one from the Secretary of Brant County Medical Association, relative to contract practice; also letters of regret from Drs. Brodie, J. M. Fraser and Edwards.

It was moved and seconded that Drs. Bucke, Fraser and McLean constitute the Printing Committee for the year ensuing, and that they be empowered to exercise their option with respect to the publication of papers in the forthcoming transactions; *carried*.

On motion it was decided to hold the meetings semi-annually in future, at Detroit in June and London in January.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year;—Dr. Tye, President; Dr. McAlpine, Vice-President for Middlesex; Dr. Lougheed, Vice-President for Lambton; Dr. Lambert, Vice-President for Essex; Dr. Samson, Vice-President for Kent; Dr. Fraser, Treasurer; Dr. Beemer, Secretary; Drs. Bucke and Richardson, Auditors.

Dr. Fleming read a carefully prepared paper on the "Causation and Pathology of Typhoid Fever."

A long and spirited discussion followed upon this subject, which was very ably dealt with by a number of gentlemen present, among others by Prof. McGraw, of Detroit. The conclusions arrived at were that typhoid fever may be, though rarely is, communicated from the patient to a healthy person, or may result from imbibition of impure water or by inhalation of poisonous atmosphere. A vote of thanks was tendered Dr. Fleming for the paper.

Dr. Bucke, Superintendent of the London Asylum for Insane then read an elaborate and wholly original essay on "The Moral Nature and the Great Sympathetic" for which he received the thanks of the association. Prof. McGraw was elected an honorary member of the association. Papers were promised for the next meeting by Drs. McGraw, Holmes, Lumley, and Rutherford. The meeting then adjourned, after which the members enjoyed the hospitality of the Chatham Medical Association at the Garner house.

FAMINE, of a terrible character, prevails in several of the northern provinces of China; immense districts are almost depopulated. The same state of affairs obtains in several large districts of British India.