

ion, and trusted that the acquaintanceships which had been formed, would long continue. There could be no doubt of the benefits of intercourse of this kind between members of the same profession.

The toast was briefly responded to by Dr. Parker, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Dr. Dickson, of Kingston, and Dr. Rottot of Montreal.

The guests then re-entered their carriages, and returned to Quebec. Thus was brought to a close, the first Medical Convention ever held in Canada. On all hands it is admitted to have been a very great success, even beyond the anticipations of its most sanguine projectors. An Association started under such auspices, has the elements of vitality, and we are much mistaken, if the Canadian Medical Association, does not soon take rank, as the leading scientific Association of the country. The profession of the Dominion owe a debt of gratitude to the Quebec Medical Society, the callers of the Convention. They must feel amply repaid for their exertions (which must have been great) by the success which has attended them.

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Medicine.

GENERAL RULES FOR DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF DISEASES OF THE HEART.

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RULES FOR DIAGNOSIS.

- I. If the patient, otherwise in good health, complain of uneasiness in the præcordial region, cardiac disease may be suspected.
- II. If a murmur is heard at the base, systolic in time, (that is, with the first sound of the heart,) which diminishes in intensity as the ear is moved towards the left nipple, it indicates roughness of the aortic orifice.
- III. If a systolic murmur be heard at the præcordia, and if it increase in intensity as the ear is moved toward the left nipple, and diminish as the ear is moved up the sternum, it indicates *mitral regurgitation*, that is, insufficiency of the mitral valves.
- IV. A murmur heard at the base of the heart, (about the junction of the third ribs with the sternum,) thence down the sternum, coincident with the *diastole*, (second sound of the heart,) indicates *aortic regurgitation*. If to this sign be added visible superficial pulses, and a hammering pulse at the wrist, aortic regurgitation is certain.