

**CORONER.**—J. H. Ryan, Esq., M.D., of Sussex, N.B., has been appointed associate Coroner for the County of Kings, N.B.

**REMOVAL.**—Dr. Evans, son of Dr. Evans, of Kingston, has removed from Yarker to Picton, Ont. His success is already secured by reason of the high reputation his father had in Picton, where he practised a number of years.

**NEWSPAPER PUFFING.**—The latest case of newspaper puffing comes to us through the *Patriot*, Charlottetown, P.E.I. We were surprised to find that this epidemic had reached the quiet matter-of-fact people of this fair sea-girt Province.

THE chaff, the controversies, and worn-out theories, which beset the practitioner and disturb the student, are chargeable to men who have written for reputation or notoriety, rather than from experience, reflection, and classified knowledge. — *Dudley*.

### Reports of Societies.

#### OXFORD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The fourth quarterly meeting of the Medical Association for the County of Oxford, was held in Ingersoll, on the 23rd ult. A large number of members were present. The President, Dr. Williams, occupied the chair.

After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and other routine business, Dr. Turquand of Woodstock, read a paper on "The Action of the Bromides in Nervous Diseases," which elicited a good deal of discussion from the members present, Drs. Hoyt, Walker, Scott and Williams taking part.

On motion, the thanks of the Association were tendered to Dr. Turquand for his very able and interesting paper, and the printing committee was instructed to forward a copy for publication in the CANADA LANCET.

A discussion then followed on the type of malarial fevers now prevalent in the county. Dr. Clement strongly recommended large doses of sulphurous acid in the treatment of these fevers.

On motion, the printing committee was instructed to have 150 copies of the electoral division tariff of fees printed, for distribution among the members of the Association.

The next meeting will be held in Woodstock, on the second Thursday in January, 1880, when papers will be read by Drs. Swan and H. M. McKay, of Woodstock, and Dr. Clement, of Innerkip.

A. MCKAY, *Secretary*.

### Books and Pamphlets.

A TREATISE ON HYGIENE AND PUBLIC HEALTH. — Edited by Albert H. Buck, M.D. New York: William Wood & Co. Toronto: Willing & Williamson.

The history of human nature establishes one important truth, that all the evils connected with man's physical and organic condition originate in the violation or neglect of those laws which the Creator has appointed for the regulation of that stupendous machinery known in the aggregate under the name of the world. If any one will examine attentively every morbid state he will find that this is the case. He will be satisfied that the relations established by the Creator between the body and other agents acting upon that body, have been neglected or disturbed. "*Prevenir vaut mieux que guerir.*" The scope of scientific hygiene or sanitary science is not merely to preserve health and prevent the development of disease; it aims also at ameliorating and perfecting the various instruments of life, and at promoting the full development of all the powers of the system. It is a great error to suppose that sanitary science is a modern institution and practice, as it dates back to the very earliest recorded period. In the 13th chapter of Leviticus, we read of a medical officer of health endowed with fuller and more stringent powers, than the State at the present day accords to any such officials. Strict rules are laid down for the separation of the sick from the healthy, that it would be well for communities to adopt at the present day in relation to zymotic diseases, which we can never hope to effectually stamp out except by complete isolation; this, under the Mosaic rule, was most effectually done. Dr. Fergus in a recent lecture very aptly remarks: "A rule must be made from the highest to the lowest; immediate notice must be given to the local authority of every case of infectious disease, so that every possible means may be taken to prevent its spread. Some will say that this is an invasion of personal liberty. Lib-