

report we find a difference of opinion, as might be expected, as to the relative merits of quinine, anti-febrin and antipyrin as antipyretics as well as of *Digitalis strophanthus* and *convallaria* as heart tonics. We notice also very few allusions to the old-fashioned treatment of pneumonia by aconite. Now this drug is especially indicated in all the inflammatory states of the respiratory organs, catarrhal fever tonsillitis, &c., and particularly in the case of children. There are not wanting very high authorities who recommend it in measles to prevent catarrhal pneumonia, and it is also recommended in the pneumonitis of phthisis. We think that no other single drug can compare with it in epidemics of influenza with a tendency to pneumonia and bronchitis. While we have, therefore, the new remedies as valuable additions to our armamentarium and accord them a high place in their respective spheres, let us not forget or despise the old ones. While we "ring in the new" let us not "ring out the old." Here as in other matters we would say:—

"The friends thou hast and their adoption tried
Grapple to thy soul with hooks of steel."

THE Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Medical Society, which will be held at Halifax on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of July next, calls for a few brief comments.

This Society, which was organized over a quarter of a century ago has enjoyed an uninterrupted existence since that date, and has in many ways exercised a beneficial influence.

Harmony and good fellowship have been promoted, a deeper interest in professional work secured, and many useful reforms obtained.

In addition to meeting the social and scientific wants of the profession, an important function has been assigned to it, viz., that of electing tri-ennially six members of the Provincial Medical Board—an institution that is not as fully and heartily sustained as it ought to be.

It is pleasing to note that interest in the work of the Society has been slowly but steadily increasing—the scientific material presented has been gradually growing larger in quantity and better in quality—and the discussions more pointed and practical.

At the meeting at Digby last year not less than 15 papers were read, all evincing care in their preparation, and the discussions proved so interesting that no time was left or taken for social enjoyment.

Notwithstanding these encouraging features the average attendance is far short of what it should be. It must be admitted that there are many obstacles which prevent men leaving their practice, particularly in the rural districts where no substitute can be obtained, but we feel assured that the advantages to be gained by meeting together will amply repay any sacrifices made. At least 40 per cent of the profession should be present at the annual meeting.

At the last meeting there were strong expressions of opinion about the necessity for a Code of Ethics for the guidance of young practitioners—a Provincial Scale of Fees for reference in law courts, when it becomes necessary to sue for services rendered—and higher scales of fees for services performed for the benefit of the community at large.

Such questions can only be properly dealt with at a large and thoroughly representative gathering of the profession.

The able and energetic Secretary, Dr. W. S. Muir, of Truro, is putting forth every effort to make the coming meeting a success. We trust that he will be actively supported by the various committees appointed to assist him. Halifax will do its duty.

The committees for 1889 are:—

Section I.—MEDICINE.—Chairman, G. E. DeWitt; G. E. Buckley, E. Fritz, F. U. Anderson, H. S. Jacques, W. G. Dobson, J. W. McKay, A. W. H. Lindsay.

Section II.—SURGERY.—Chairman, John Stewart; T. C. Creelman, E. Farrell, J. F. Black, D. H. Muir, F. Primrose, J. A. Coleman.

Section III.—OBSTETRICS.—Chairman, A. C. Page; A. Robinson, C. J. Fox, R. Cox, W. H. McDonald, G. L. DeBlois.

Section IV.—THERAPEUTICS.—Chairman, W. B. Moore; R. J. Chute, R. A. H. McKeen, J. A. Sponagle, C. J. Gossip, A. Morrow, A. M. Perrin.

Section V.—SANITATION.—Chairman, Wm. McKay; Thos. Trenamen, T. R. Trueman, E. McLean, S. Dodge, A. D. McGillvaray.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.—*Chairman*, Edward Farrell; John Somers, W. N. Wickwire, A. W. H. Lindsay, G. L. Sinclair, D. A. Campbell.

Extracts from the diary of a young lady at sea:—"First day: On the high seas; stormy weather; disagreeable company. Second day: Captain very amiable; quite a superior man. Third day; Captain less attractive; made a declaration of love; offered me his heart and hand; which I haughtily declined. Fourth day: Captain persists in his advances; threatens that if I do not accept him he will scuttle the ship and send 400 men, women and children to the bottom. Isn't it awful. Fifth day: Saved 400 souls."