

wife, who sought to recover damages from Dr. Eastwood, of Whitby, claiming that in November, 1884, during Mrs. McQuaig's confinement and subsequent illness, he treated her negligently and unskilfully. This trial occupied two days, and a number of witnesses were called on both sides. The principal medical evidence on behalf of the plaintiff was the plaintiff's brother-in-law, Dr. Whiteman, of Shakespeare, supported in part by that of Dr. Warren, of Brooklin. On behalf of the defendant, several medical gentlemen in Toronto were examined, all of whom in the main approved Dr. Eastwood's treatment of the case. The counsel for the plaintiff, Mr. Lount, moved twice during the trial to secure a non-suit, and although the judge ruled against him, he finally charged the jury strongly for the defendant. Notwithstanding the judge's charge, however, the jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff, assessing the damages at \$350. The case will be appealed.

#### ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The fourth annual meeting of the Ontario Medical Association was held in London on the 3rd and 4th ult., the President, Dr. Worthington, in the chair. There was a large attendance of members present, and upwards of thirty papers on the programme. It therefore became necessary on the second day to divide up into sections, one on medicine and another on surgery and obstetrics. The discussions, both in the general meeting and in the sections, were more than usually varied and interesting. None of the papers were passed over without a satisfactory discussion, and much information of value to the members was elicited. The interest in this young and vigorous Association seems to be increasing yearly. The wisdom of the departure from the former method of preparing reports on medicine, surgery and obstetrics, which were usually taken as read, was well seen in the admirable papers read by the chairmen of the different departments, and the very interesting discussions which followed. We would still further suggest that, inasmuch as it is now necessary to form the Association into sections, that the chairmen of the sections should be elected at the same time as the other officers of the Association, so that the Association may have the benefit of a carefully prepared address in each department at the open-

ing of the sessions. We trust this matter will not be overlooked at the next meeting of the Association. We are also pleased to announce that the next meeting will be held in Toronto. This is, undoubtedly, the most central place in which to hold the meetings. Owing to the numerous railway lines, this city is within easy reach of the greatest number of members, and adding to these the large contingent in the city itself, there is always certain to be a large attendance. Without in any way desiring to speak slightly of the cities in which the last two meetings have been held, we believe that it would be greatly in the interest of the Association if all the meetings were held in Toronto. The choice of Dr. Tye as President of the Association was a well-deserved compliment to an earnest worker and a zealous and worthy member of the Association. The Association has been thus far fortunate in the choice of its leading officers, and so long as such worthy men fill these honorable positions, we can confidently predict for it a grand future.

CANADA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. — It will be remembered that it was decided at the last meeting of the Association to meet this year in Winnipeg. Owing however to the outbreak in the North-West, and the disturbed state of things generally, our brethren in Winnipeg have reluctantly decided to forego the honor of entertaining the Association this year. In consequence of this decision, and by the kind and pressing invitation of our worthy confrères in Chatham, Ont., the Association will meet there on the 2nd and 3rd of September, under the presidency of Dr. Osler. We confidently bespeak a large attendance, and can promise the members of the Association a right hearty welcome from our friends in Chatham.

CHLORAL HYDRATE IN EPILEPSY.—This valuable remedy is well known to the medical profession, but it may not be so generally known as it ought to be that it is sometimes of invaluable service in arresting epileptic fits, especially that form known as the status epilepticus. We have recently had some experience of its use in a case where all other remedies had failed, including inhalation of ether, chloroform, and amyl nitrite. A twenty grain dose immediately put a stop to the frequently-recurring attacks, and the patient made a good recovery from the seizure.