

## Reports of Societies

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### ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

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The nineteenth annual meeting of the Ontario Medical Association was held in the Normal School Building, Toronto, June 13th and 14th, Dr. W. J. Gibson, Belleville, presiding.

The following gentlemen were introduced to the Association: Dr. Wilding, delegate from the New York State Medical Society; Dr. Christian Fenger, Chicago; Dr. V. Y. Bowditch, Boston; Dr. J. C. Wilson, Philadelphia, and Dr. D. W. Montgomery, Los Angeles, Cal.

Dr. J. F. W. Ross presented the report of the Committee on Papers and Business, which was approved.

In the absence of Dr. J. A. Temple, Dr. William Oldright presented the report of the Committee on Arrangements; also approved.

#### A CASE OF MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY.

Dr. INGERSOLL OLMSTED (Hamilton, Ont).—The subject of this case was a young married man 25 years of age, who had come to the doctor complaining of wasting of muscles and inability to work. His family history showed that other members thereof (though not in either parent) had been afflicted with the same trouble. The patient was presented to and examined by the members of the association, the peculiarity of his gait and movements noted, especially interesting being his manner of assuming the erect posture from a prone position. Wasting was most marked in the region of the scapulæ, deltoids, biceps, fore-arm and thigh muscles, whilst those of the calves and hands were moderately well developed. Winging of the scapulæ was especially well marked.

Dr. MCPHEDRAN stated he had examined the case with very much interest. It was an orthodox case of this kind, but presented one or two phases of unusual character, especially the preservation of the trunk muscles. He thought there must be some degeneration of nerve fibres present in these cases.

Dr. GEIKIE thinks that as we come to know more and more of this disease that destructive changes will be found existing in the nerve centres.

Dr. OLMSTED.—With regard to what Dr. Geikie has said, he thought there was no question that extensive atrophy takes place without any involvement of the central nervous system.