

PICTOU COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.

THE October meeting of the Society was held in Rice's Reception Room, New Glasgow, on Tuesday, October 9th. The President, Dr. McKenzie, of Pictou, in the Chair. Present were, Drs. Mitchell, Fraser and Miller, of New Glasgow; Macdonald, of Hopewell; Mackay, Thorburn, and Stewart, Pictou.

On motion of Dr. Macdonald it was resolved to change the date of the annual meeting of the Society from the first to the third Tuesday in July, in order not to interfere with attendance at the annual meeting of the Provincial Association.

It was also unanimously resolved that the Society record its sense of loss in the death of Dr. Murray, of New Glasgow, a past president of the Society, and its sympathy with his family.

The fact being brought to the notice of the Society, that a medical journal was about to be issued in the interests of the Maritime Provinces, it was, after some discussion, moved by Dr. Macdonald, seconded by Dr. Miller, and unanimously agreed that this Society pledge itself to aid and encourage the proposed journal as much as possible.

The papers read before the Society were two: (1) A paper by Dr. Miller, of New Glasgow, on "Suppurative Inflammation of the Tympanum," and one by Dr. Macdonald, of Hopewell, on "Three Cases of so-called Hydatids of the Uterus" occurring in his practice.

A discussion, in which most members of the Society took part, followed the reading of each paper.

The Society adjourned to meet in Pictou on the second Tuesday in January.

JOHN STEWART, *Secretary*.

PROVINCIAL MEDICAL BOARD.

THE regular quarterly meeting of the Provincial Medical Board was held in Halifax on Wednesday, October 17th, at noon, the President, Dr. A. C. Page, presiding. The minutes of the annual meeting were read and adopted. The Secretary called attention to the fact that the Board had omitted to appoint professional examiners at the annual meeting. It was on motion decided to re-appoint the old Board, viz.:—

Dr. A. J. Cowie, Halifax.....Medicine.
 " E. Farrell, "Surgery.
 " A. C. Page, Truro.....Obstetrics.
 " W. S. Muir, "Materia Medica.
 " Geo. L. Sinclair, Dartmouth. Anatomy & Physiology.
 Prof. Lawson, Halifax.....Chemistry.

The Secretary also reported that application had been made asking the Medical Council of Ontario to recognize the preliminary examination of the Medical Board, and that a similar application had been sent to the General Medical Council of Great Britain.

The first Thursday in September had been settled upon as the date for the third regular matriculating examination for the benefit of students who intended to prosecute their studies in the United States or the Upper Provinces. Several applications for registration were disposed of. Dr. Dodge gave notice that at next meeting of the Board he would introduce a motion with reference to the recognition by the Board of *Teachers' Examinations*.

The fee for adding qualifications other than those entered at first registration was on motion reduced from

\$5.00 to \$2.00, notice to the effect having been previously given. Some discussion ensued upon the advisability of a more definite arrangement as to travelling fees for members but no decision was arrived at.

Dr. Black drew attention to the fact that the recent amendments to the British Medical Act entitled foreign graduates to register in Great Britain and enjoy all the privileges of British graduates. But in order to secure this registration certain conditions had to be fulfilled, and application had to be made by each country, through government. He then gave notice that at next meeting he would make a motion bearing on this matter. There being no further business the Board adjourned.

Reviews and Book Notices.

THE ANNUAL OF THE UNIVERSAL MEDICAL SCIENCES. Series of 1888, V vols. Edited by Charles E. Sajous, M. D. F. A. Davis, Publisher, Philadelphia.

This work compiled by the united labours of a large number of associate and corresponding editors, many of whom are well known and trusted professional authorities, fulfils a very useful function, and forms a valuable compendium for reference.

The labour and responsibility resting with Dr. Sajous must have been very great, but the result is satisfactory.

The type is large and clear, the illustrations numerous and some exceptionally good. These volumes do not take the place of such a work as Quain's Dictionary of Medicine—a work different in its nature and purposes. But "The Annual" forms a very extensive and complete report of the recent progress of the general sanitary sciences throughout the world, and as such we cordially express our good opinion of the work. A series will be issued each year. Price per series of five volumes, \$16.50.

THE FATAL ILLNESS OF FREDERICK THE NOBLE—By Sir Morell Mackenzie. London: Sampson Low, Marston, Searle & Rivington.

As a result of the remarkable enterprise of the *New York Sun*, whose issue of Oct. 14th, contained a full reprint of Sir Morell Mackenzie's book, we have been able to read the whole contents of the work. It is impossible to refer at length to the publication. Both the German attack (virtually of malpractice), in response to which Dr. Mackenzie's defence is published, and Sir Morell's reply, are disfigured by personal recriminations. Though it is difficult to decide how far Dr. Mackenzie is justified in giving himself a free hand in his own description and interpretation of both events and persons. So far as the German accusation of malpractice is concerned we think that Sir Morell has on the whole satisfactorily met it; and his account strikes us as more consistent and reasonable than does the account of his German colleagues. It is deplorable that the case should have been attended with such difficulties and misunderstandings and discussion. The late Emperor is well named Frederick the Noble.

THE temporo-maxillary articulations are especially liable to be affected in Gonorrhoeal Rheumatism, a fact pointed out by Dr. J. B. Webb, as of diagnostic value.