

A consultant's life is not without unpleasant features, chief among which is the passing of judgment on the unhappy incurables on the cancerous, ataxics, and paralytics, who wander form one city to another. Few are able to receive the balm of truth, but now and again one meets with a cheery, brave fellow, who insists upon a plain unvarnished statement of his prospects Still more distressing are the instances of hopeless illness in which, usually for his friends' sake, the entire "faculty" is summond. Can anything be more doleful than a procession of four or five doctors into the sick room? Who do not appreciate Matthew Arnold's wish?—

Nor bring to see me cease to live Some doctor full of phase and fame, To shake his sapient head, and give The ill he cannot cure, a name.

How often under such circumstances has the bitterness of the last line occoured to me!

Sis William Osler.





The Healer

"So stood of old the holy Christ
Amidst the suffering throng:
With whom His lighest touch sufficed
To make the weakest strong.
That healing gift he lends to them
Who use it in His name;
The power that filled his garments' hem
Is evermore the same.

That Good Physician liveth yet,

Thy friend and guide to be;

The healer of Gennesaret

Shall walk the grounds with thee."

WHITTIER



Presidential Address

Presented at the 73rd Annual Meeting of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia, July 7th 1926, Halifax, N. S.

E. V. Hogan, M.D., C.M., F.A.C.S.

FOR many years it has been the custom to permit the outgoing President of this Society to address the members on any topic that he cared to choose. In the past our Society has been honoured with, and privileged to hear, many an eloquent oration on some altruistic or scientific subject and, had I the oratorical powers of many of my predecessors, especially my immediate predecessor, I might be tempted to inflict myself on you to-day with some such discourse; but knowing my limitations I will refrain.

But I do think it is the duty of a President to report to his constituents, who honour him with this dignified office, what he has done, what he has attempted to do, what progress has the Society made during his incumbency, what weakness has he discovered in the work of the Society and what remedies does he suggest to overcome its shortcomings. So with these ideas in view I will proceed to render an account of my stewardship.

Medical Societies in Yarmouth County:-

As you all remember a very perplexing problem was presented to our Society at its meeting last year concerning this question, and a committee was appointed to try to adjust the many differences among the members of the profession in that country. The committee proceeded to Yarmouth and, by appointment, interviewed the officers of the two Societies. We found the root of the difficulty lay in misunderstandings between the two Societies, and we found that, with a little give and take on both sides, the differences could be adjusted. And here I wish to bear testimony, that each and every member of each Society was impressed with a spirit of fair play, and were willing to sink their personal differences for the good of the profession as a whole.

The members of the Western Counties Medical Society voted themselves out of existence and the Yarmouth County Medical Society agreed to enlarge the territory of their Society so as to take in the County of Shelburne and also such members in Digby County who might wish to join. At a subsequent organizing meeting, at which I was asked to preside, the name of the Yarmouth County Medical

Society was changed to "The Western Nova Scotia Medical Society," officers were elected, a fair number of Charter Members joined and the new Society was off to a good start.

Invaluable assistance was rendered this Society by my colleagues on the Committee, Drs. Keddy and Murphy, and they showed how

invaluable is a little tact in adjusting differences.

Activities of Branch Societies:-

If one were to judge of the activity of the various Branches from their reports to the Bulletin one would conclude that all, or nearly all with a few notable exceptions, were dormant or had gone out of existence, but such is not the case, but the fault is with their Secretaries. I know that there has been a fairly large amount of activity, large and enthusiastic meetings have been held, good addresses have been delivered, a spirit of good fellowship among members fostered and the unity of the profession maintained, but all this light has been hidden under a bushel. The remedy of course is evident.

Membership in the Nova Scotia and the Canadian Medical Societies:—

The drafts that were sent out the first of the year have had a fair response, more marked as regards the former Society than in the latter. But on looking over the list of paid members of this Society. which list I have before me, and comparing it with the Medical Register I find many a lamentable gap. On examining the returned drafts many are marked "no response," others reply "do not owe this bill." Of course they don't legally owe the ten dollars, but do they not morally owe it? Is not one of the prime objects of this Society the mutual advancement of its members? Whatever good this Society has accomplished in the past, or will accomplish in the future, is surely for the benefit of each and every one of us. We may not see any direct personal benefit to any one of us, but we will all share in anything it accomplishes. In the Legal and Dental Professions, if I am not mistaken, an annual fee is exacted by Statute, and it may be that some day our profession will have to seriously consider an ammendment of our Medical Act so that the burden may be shared equally by all.

The question has been raised, and it should be seriously considered at this meeting, as to whether it is advisable to continue the method that is in vogue of having our Secretary-Treasurer make a draft on all members of the profession for the fee required for membership in the Canadian Medical Association. Would it not rather be an advantage to this Society to have our Secretary make his draft for this Society alone and have the Secretary of the C. M. A. send out his own drafts. Much can be said on both sides of the question, and if you think the question is worthy of discussion let us hear your

views.

In connection with the activities of the C. M. A. in this province, one cannot refrain from expressing our hearty appreciation of the tour of this province recently held under its auspices, thanks to the generosity of the Sun Life Association. The Society secured excellent speakers to brush us up in some recent advances in medicine and surgery, and those of us who had the privilege of hearing these gentlemen had a pleasant and profitable evening. Furthermore, at the expense of the parent Society, some of the members of our profession have been invited to deliver lectures in the Provinces of New Brunswick and Saskatchewan, and in Newfoundland, and I am sure that these gentlemen have been worthy representatives of the Nova Scotia Medical Society.

Workmen's Compensation Board:-

This Board, and the Act under which it was created, has proved a real boon to the working class of Nova Scotia and, needless to say, I include the medical profession in this class. At first there were many differences to be adjusted between the profession and the Board; but these differences have become fewer and fewer each year, as the reports of our Committee show. A lot of the harmony, that now prevails between the Board and the Profession, is due to the common sense, the tact and the interest he has in his profession, of the worthy Medical Referee, Dr. M. D. Morrison. He has done his best for his profession and for our patients often, and more often than perhaps we know, fighting single handed the battle of the profession and the working man.

Has the time not come when we should urge our Government that the Workmen's Compension Act should be amended, so that the Medical Referee should be a full member of the Board, and to have power to adjudicate on all medical questions, whether they apply to the injured workman or to the profession. We have in our Government several distinguished members of our profession, whose influence should not be small, backed by the united support of the whole profession. The President of the Government's Provincial Organization is a distinguished member of our profession, and so also is the President for the City and County of Halifax, likewise for the County of Hants—in fact judging from the results of the last election, with a notable exception in the County of Antigonish, the profession to a man must have supported the Grand Old Party in its program of reform. But, joking aside, it seems to me that this is our opportunity to press forward our claims for consideration.

The Bulletin:-

The question of the management of the Bulletin, the question of its continuation, the question of its enlargement, so as to become the official organ of the profession of New Brunswick and Prince Edward

Island, as well as Nova Scotia, are all questions which should be

considered at this meeting.

At our last meeting in Bridgewater a special Financial Committee was appointed to consider the financial conditions of the Society and to carry out such reforms that would be for the benefit of the Society. This Committee met at various times and decided that, for the balance of the year, an Editorial Board should be appointed to manage its affairs. The Society was fortunate in securing the services of Dr. G. H. Murphy, as Editor-in-Chief, and of Drs. S. J. MacLennan, H. B. Atlee and A. Birt, as Associate-Editors. The appearance of the Bulletin and of its contents are due to the painstaking and often unappreciated efforts of those gentlemen who have, unstintedly, and without renumeration, given much of their time and labour. The Society was fortunate, indeed, in securing Dr. Smith Walker as Honorary Secretary to the Editorial Board, whose knowledge, and well known energy in everything he undertakes, was a most valuable asset in whatever success the Journal has obtained. Most of us do not realize how much painstaking detail is required before even a modest journal like ours can be sent out to its readers, and the thanks of the Society are due to Dr. Walker for his unremitting work in this connection. As a more tangible appreciation of Dr. Walker's good work, I would recommend that the Finance Committee take into its consideration the question of voting the Honorary-Secretary of the Editorial Board some suitable honorarium, for the work he has done since he relinquished the position of Associate-Secretary a year ago.

Shall we continue the Bulletin? Is it worth the trouble and expense? What do the members at large think as to whether it is fulfilling the function for which it was designed or is it not? If they think in the affirmative are they willing to give it more hearty support than they have done in the past? Again, the profession in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island have already been approached by the Editorial Board as to the advisability of enlarging our Journal, and in fact to resurrect the old Maritime Medical News, which filled an important place in the maritime medical world some years ago. All of these questions should be referred to a committee, who should

make recommendations to be submitted to this meeting.

Nova Scotia Temperance Act:-

Widespread dissatisfaction with the working of this Act is increasing day by day among the profession. This is illustrated by recent Editorials in the May and June numbers of our Bulletin, and whether we agree in whole with these Editorials or not, we all recognize that our profession has been placed, through no fault of our own, in a most embarassing and even degrading position. I can prescribe Morphia, Cocain or Hydrocyanic Acid, when required by my patients, on any old slip of paper that I may have in my pocket, but I cannot

prescribe a bottle of stout, or an ounce of brandy, without carrying around a special pad of prescriptions, serially numbered, issued by the successors of the Liquor Commission. Furthermore this liquor depot will not dispense less than 12 oz. of stimulation a prescription, and they shut up shop at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

This is a serious question that is confronting an honorable profession, and I trust that you will seriously and earnestly consider what means we should adopt to preserve the dignity, self-respect and rights

of our profession.

Prevention of Tuberculosis:-

The question of the control of tuberculosis in our province has. for many years, been a most serious one, and you will have learned, from the press, that another effort is being made to combat this scourge. I am thankful to be able to report that this new organization has recognized that our profession should be leaders, and always have been leaders, in everything that pertains to the improvement of the health of our community. Before launching this new campaign against tuberculosis the medical profession was consulted and their advice sought, and representatives of our Society appointed on the central Committee. In the past many wild cat schemes were inaugurated by perhaps well meaning persons, but more often by personal advertisers in the realm of public health, and the medical profession completely ignored. But this campaign has been started differently. Your President and all the members of your Executive have been interviewed, either in person or by letter, and their endorsement and hearty co-operation solicited; so I bespeak for the coming campaign a sympathetic and enthusiastic reception by the members of our Society.

Lister Memorial:-

According to instructions from the Executive Committee Nova Scotia's allotment to this Memorial, amounting to \$300.00, was paid from the general fund. All of us were glad to thus honour one who is considered, by the world, the Father of Modern Surgery, one whose discoveries have saved thousands on thousands of lives, and one who was a great, if not the greatest, benefactor of the human race that this world has ever seen. It was particularly fitting that Nova Scotia should join in a Memorial to this great man, for Nova Scotia has the proud distinction of having had one of the earliest disciples of the immortal Lister in its midst. I refer of course, to our distinguished and much beloved surgical father, Dr. John Stewart. He came out to this country to introduce the principles of Antiseptic Surgery into his native province. He did not seek the glamour and the honors of a city practice,—in fact he left the great City of London, where high honors would surely have been his reward, he left all this to join that noble band of the old family country Doctor. I need not dwell on his success and the name that he has made for himself throughout the length and breadth of Nova Scotia, and Canada as well. His life has indeed been a model for all of us who have had the privilege of knowing him. In the great war "he did his bit" and that meant a lot, and was honored by his King with a Commandership in the

Order of the British Empire.

Next year will be the 50th anniversary of Dr. John Stewart's admission to the Medical Profession and Medical Society of Nova Scotia. In my humble opinion this Society could in no way honour itself better than by making provision, this year, for the inauguration of plans looking forward to the presentation, next year, of a testimonial to our beloved confrere,—a testimonial that, in the years to come, will hand down to posterity a slight token of the love and esteem, that those who were privileged to know him, felt for him.

I could say a lot more, but if you honour me with a discussion of this my report, I will leave this suggestion to the general meeting, where abler voices will take up this subject and, I trust, make practical

suggestions.

Executive Committee:-

According to the constitution this is a large and representative committee, each Branch appointing representatives according to the number of its members. But I am sorry to say that the Executive Committee is not functioning as such. During the winter I called a meeting of this Committee and, out of a membership of 24, it was with great difficulty that I managed to secure a quorum of 5, consisting of the President, Secretary, one out of town member who happened to be in this city, and two members from the city. I would recommend, either that the constitution be amended, or that a sub-Executive Committee be appointed, say of 5 members, whose travelling expenses might be paid.

Financial Situation:-

As you will see from the report of the Secretary-Treasurer the financial position of the Society is decidedly better than it was a year ago. On the first of July 1925, if all bills had been paid, the Society had a credit balance of roughly \$1,000.00, and this year, July 18th with all bills paid, we have a credit of at least \$1,500.00, and this year we had an extraordinary expenditure of \$300.00 for the Lister Memorial Fund. But our expenses have been kept down to the minimum and I doubt, that if next year, our expenses can be kept as low as they are this year.

In the first place the service of the Editorial Board of the Bulletin, as well as the Secretary of the Board, have been given gratuitously but, in my opinion, this cannot continue especially as regards the work of the Secretary. There is a whole lot of work in connection

with the publication of a journal even as modest as ours.

Again the work of the Secretary, who in the past has only been paid his expenses at an annual meeting, is increasing by leaps and bounds. In the old days, when Dr. G. M. Campbell and Dr. J. R. Corston were Secretaries, the work was very much less—all they had to do was to collect \$2.00 from each member who attended the annual meeting—that is all they did. (Of course Corston will take exception to this statement). But now there is voluminous correspondence, especially from the Journal Secretary of the Canadian Medical Association, there is considerable financial work in connection with the Association. In fact there is too much work for us to ask any man to do without renumeration.

It is true your Financial Committee thought it advisable to abolish the position of Associate-Secretary, as the Society was then heading straight towards bankruptcy, but for the coming year and for the future, it seems to me, that some provision will have to be made whereby we can employ a Secretary, who will be paid a fairly decent, not a full time, salary, and whose services will be available in carrying out all details of our organization. Of course one of his duties will

be in connection with the publication of the Bulletin.

I suggest that we divide the position of Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, and have an Honorary-Treasurer and a part time paid

Secretary. This, gentlemen, is for your consideration.

This concludes my resume of the work and difficulties encountered in the past year, and I leave my report and suggestions in your hands. In conclusion may I just once more draw your attention to the matters that I think you should seriously consider:—

1st-The activities of the Branch Societies.

2nd—The method of collecting the annual fees of the Nova Scotia Medical Society and of the Canadian Medical Society.

3rd—The Status of the Medical Representative in the Work-men's Compensation Board.

4th—The big question of the Bulletin.

5th—The big question of the Nova Scotia Temperance or Intemprance Act.

6th-The Stewart Memorial.

7th—The Executive Committee.

8th—The Secretary-Treasureship of this Society.

The Medical Society of Nova Scotia

THE SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING Halifax, N. S., July 7th and 8th, 1926

THE Seventy-Third Annual Meeting of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia convened at Halifax, N. S., July 7th, 1926, in the Dalhousie Medical Science Building at 10.00 A. M. The President, Dr. E. V. Hogan was in the chair and calling the meeting to order asked the Secretary to read the minutes of the last session which were, on motion, adopted as read.

The following communications were then read:-

1. From the Victorian Order of Nurses, asking for the appointment of a provincial representive to the Board of Governors of the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada.

This was referred to the Nominating Committee.

2. From Dr. W. H. Hattie, Registrar of Provincial Medical Board asking that Society select its six representatives on the Provincial Medical Board for the statutory term of three years.

This was referred to the Nominating Committee.

3. From Dr. T. Glen Hamilton, chairman of the C. M. A. Committee on the Narcotic Drugs Act, asking for appointment of a provincial representative.

This was referred to the Nominating Committee.

- 4. From Rev. D. K. Grant stating that only physicians selling whiskey, etc., were required to make quarterly report, and also from Dr. Farrish, Yarmouth, protesting against the present working of the N. S. T. A., were read and deferred until discussion of this act should come up.
- 5. The communication from the Valley Medical Society recommending Dr. S. N. Miller of Middleton for Honorary Membership, was referred to the Executive.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

There had been no meeting of the Executive before the general session, so no report was made.

The Secretary-Treasurer then read the Financial Report of the Society for the year ending July 7th, 1926, as follows:

EXPENDITURE

July 7, 1925	Salary Assoc. Secretary, Jan. to June 1925	\$ 600.00
Aug. 10, "	Expenses Committee to Yarmouth per Dr. Hogan	71.90
Sept. 8, "	Imperial Publishing Co	376.81
Dec. 31, "	Dr. E. V. Hogan to Yarmouth	20.00
Feb. 26, 1926	Treasurer Lister Memorial Fund	300.00
Feb. 27, "	Imperial Publishing Co	249.90
Mar. 18 "	Stenographer	30.00
June 28, "	Imperial Publishing Co	565.40
June 29, "	Eastern Canada Saving & Loan Safety Dep. Box	5.00
June 29, ".	Dr. S. L. Walker Bal, Expenses to Dec. 1925	66.93
June 29, "	Refunded Cheque, Dr. D. F. Mac	10.00
June 30, "	Imperial Publishing Co	159.11
July 6, "	Expenses Secretary Treasurer to July 6, 1926	39.60
July 6, "	Stenographer, March to June	60.00
July 6, "	Ross Print	13.00
	Total Expenditure	\$2,567.65
	RECEIPTS	
Balance in Ban	ık July 1, 1925	\$1,933.97
	Collections' Account	1,000.00
		13.17
Fees Collected at Annual Meeting 1925.		
Balance fees 1926 from Collections' Account		
Balance fees 1926 from Collections' Account		
Total	Receipts	\$4,094.18
Balance July 7	, 1926	\$1,526.53

This was on Motion adopted and referred to the Auditors, Dr. J. R. Corston, Halifax, and Dr. Egan, Sydney, who were named by the chair.

The Secretary-Treasurer then read the report of the Cogswell Library Fund, which was adopted and referred to the Auditors.

RECEIPTS

Balance in Bank of Commerce, July 1925.	\$	15.38
Income from Bonds, July 1925		174.75
Interest		.57
Income from Bonds, July 1926		175.00
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1. Cogswell Library Committee.

The report of this Committee was submitted by the Chairman, Dr. A. G. Nicholls, who outlined the work done and the sources of income of the library.

The adoption of the report was moved by Dr. W. H. Hattie and seconded by Dr. A. McD. Morton and carried.

2. Workmen's Compensation Board Committee.

The chairman, Dr. G. H. Murphy, submitted the report of the work done during the year which suggested that an attempt should be made during this year to have the act Amended in order to right the present causes of complaint.

Adoption of report moved by Dr. Murphy, seconded by Dr.

Egan of Sydney and carried.

3. The Public Health Committee.

The report of this Committee was on motion received and ordered to be taken up clause by clause.

- 1. Called attention to co-operation between Public Health Department and the Department engaged in the collection of vital statistics. No discussion. Carried.
- 2. Moved that the Medical Society of Nova Scotia place itself on record as endorsing the attempt at Tuberculosis control under consideration, approving the formation of the Commission and nominating the President of the Society and Dr. K. A. MacKenzie as the representatives of the Society on the Commission.
- 3. Appointing of a Radio Broadcasting Committee. Dr. A. McD. Morton and Dr. W. N. Rehfuss moved that a committee be named by the Nominating Committee, carried.
- 4. Recommending that a Cancer Committee be appointed. Moved that this be named by Nominating Committee W. H. Hattie, seconded by W. H. Eager and carried.
- 5. Dealing with increasing number of Drug addicts referred to the Executive for consideration and necessary action if any.

4. Provincial Editorial Board—Canadian Medical Association Journal.

Submitted a lengthy report of the work done during the year which was in motion of Drs. W. H. Hattie and H. K. MacDonald adopted.

The President then named the following as the Nominating Committee.

Chairman	Dr. A. McD. Morton	. Halifax.
	DR. M. T. SULLIVAN	.Glace Bay.
	DR. W. F. MACKINNON	Antigonish.
	Dr. A. B. Campbell	Bear River.
	DR. Ross Millar	.Amherst.

Announcements were then made by the President, outlining the entertainments arranged for the Visiting Ladies and that all the city Clubs, Golf Courses, etc., were open to the visiting Doctors.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

The President, Dr. E. V. Hogan of Halifax, then gave the Presidential Address which was in every way a masterpiece. He spoke at length outlining every feature of the work of the Society and pointing out what would have to be done in the future if the Society was to continue to function as it should. Dr. Ross Millar of Amherst and others spoke complimenting Dr. Hogan on his address and after much general discussion it was decided that the address should be published in full in the Bulletin. It was moved by Dr. H. K. MacDonald, seconded by Dr. P. Weatherbee, and carried, that a special committee consisting of Dr., the Hon. W. N. Rehfuss, Dr. H. K. MacDonald, Dr. P. Weatherbee, Dr. H. B. Atlee and Dr. L. W. Johnson be appointed to consider the Address, make recommendations and report to the general meeting at the Thursday morning session.

The session then adjourned.

At 2.30 P. M. the President called the meeting to order and called upon Dr. Frank Lahey of Boston, to deliver the Address in Surgery, entitled: "The Combined Medical and Surgical Management of Gastric and Duodenal Ulcers."

Dr. Lahey emphasized the need of the most careful investigation in order to make a diagnosis and the very careful application of medical treatment before surgery should be attempted. He gave a survey of the results obtained at his clinic and illustrated his lecture with X-ray plates. General discussion followed during which Dr. Lahey was thanked for his most excellent paper and asked many questions,

to which he replied. Discussion by Dr. Stewart, Dr. Chisholm, Dr. Smith, Dr. J. J. Cameron, Dr. Birt, Dr. S. R. Johnson and Dr. Pratt of Boston.

The meeting then adjourned, the members going to a reception and dance at the Brightwood Golf Club, Dartmouth.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was called to order by the President at 8.00 P. M., who asked Dr. Joseph H. Pratt of Boston, to deliver the Address in Medicine.

Dr. Pratt took as his subject "The Influence of Osler on the Practice of Medicine." and dealt with his subject in a most interesting and instructive manner. At the close of the address Dr. Murdoch Chisholm, an old pupil of Osler's, spoke complimenting Dr. Pratt in his very able handling of the subject and telling of his personal experiences of Osler.

Dr. A. F. Miller then presented his paper entitled "The Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis by Artificial Pneumo-thorax." He dealt very ably with his subject and illustrated a most interesting paper with X-Ray Plates.

Discussion was opened by Dr. H. K. MacDonald from the Surgical aspect dealing with Phrenicotomy and Thoracoplasty and illustrated

his remarks with X-Ray Plates.

Dr. Pratt spoke congratulating Dr. MacDonald on his results and general discussion was carried on by Drs. Lahey, Sieniewicz and M. Chisholm. Dr. Miller replied answering any points raised during the discussion.

The session then adjourned.

THURSDAY, JULY 8, 1926-MORNING SESSION.

The session was called to order at 10.15 A. M., the President in the chair.

The report of the Nominating Committee was taken up item by item and passed.

Place of Next Meeting.—1927—Sydney, N. S.

OFFICERS.

President	. Dr. J. J. Roy, Sydney.
1st Vice-President	. DR. L. R. Morse, Lawrencetown.
2nd Vice-President	DR. H. K. MACDONALD, Halifax.
Secretary-Treasurer	DR. J. G. D. CAMPBELL, Halifax.
Assistant-Secretary	. DR. S. L. WALKER, Halifax.

EXECUTIVE

Cape Breton Branch.
DR. D. McNeil, Glace Bay.
DR. DAN. McDonald, North Sydney.
DR. L. J. Johnstone, Sydney Mines.

Valley Branch.

DR. R. O. BETHUNE, Berwick.

DR. L. L. CROWE, Bridgetown.

DR. A. B. CAMPBELL, Bear River.

Cumberland County.

DR. J. A. MUNRO, Amherst. DR. W. T. PURDY, Amherst.

Halifax Branch.

DR. J. V. GRAHAM, 51 Coburg Rd. DR. W. L. MUIR, 240 Jubilee Rd.

Pictou Branch.

DR. S. G. McKenzie, Westville. DR. G. A. Dunn, Pictou.

Eastern Counties Branch.

DR. W. F. McKinnon, Antigonish.

Colchester-Hants Branch.

DR. F. D. CHARMAN, Truro.

DR. F. R. SHANKEL, Windsor.

Lunenburg-Queens Branch.

DR. W. N. REHFUSS, Bridgewater. DR. W. N. COCHRANE, Mahone Bay. Western Nova Scotia Branch.

DR. A. R. CAMPBELL, Yarmouth. DR. C. A. WEBSTER, Yarmouth.

Committee of Arrangements. The Cape Breton Medical Society.

Cogswell Library Committee.

DR. A. G. NICHOLLS, Chairman. DR. J. R. CORSTON. DR. JOHN STEWART. DR. PHILIP WEATHERBEE.

DR. C. S. MORTON.

Public Health Committee.

Dr. A. C. Jost, Chairman. Dr. R. L. Blackadar. Dr. J. K. MacLeod. Dr. W. N. Rehfuss. Dr. C. W. Bliss.

Editorial Board of C. M. A. Journal.

DR. W. H. HATTIE. DR. K. A. MACKENZIE. DR. G. H. MURPHY.

R. G. H. MURPHY. DR. I Workmen's Compensation Board

Committee.
DR. G. H. MURPHY.
DR. M. G. BURRIS.
DR. E. V. HOGAN.

Dr. E. V. Hogan. Dr. J. G. MacDougall. Dr. H. B. Atlee.

Cancer Committee.
DR. JOHN STEWART.
DR. D. J. MACKENZIE.
DR. E. V. HOGAN.

Members of the C. M. A. Council.

DR. J. J. ROY.
DR. J. G. D. CAMPBELL
DR. S. L. WALKER.
DR. W. J. EGAN.

Ex-Officio.

DR. L. R. MORSE.
DR. E. D. MACLEAN.
DR. O. B. KEDDY.
DR. ROSS MILLAR.

Members of Narcotic Drugs' Committee, C. M. A. Dr. V. N. MacKay, Halifax.

Committee for Radio Broadcasting.

Chairman, Dr. A. C. Jost, with power to appoint his own committee.

Nova Scotia Representative on Board of Governors of the Victorian Order of Nurses.

DR. C. S. MORTON, Halifax, N. S.

Members of the Provincial Medical Board.

DR. G. H. MURPHY. DR. G. W. T. FARRISH. DR. H. K. MACDONALD. Dr. J. G. MacDougall. Dr. John MacDonald. Dr. Jordan Smith.

THE AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the Financial Statement of the Secretary-Treasurer for the year 1925-1926, together with the Bank Books, Receipts and Vouchers, etc., and find the credit balance to be correct. It is difficult however, to follow the standing of your members in

regard to their annual dues, and we would suggest that a special register be kept by the Secretary so that each member's standing

vear by vear could be readily noted.

It has been difficult also to trace the receipts and disbursements, on account of the Medical Bulletin and we would suggest that all collections on that account should be turned over the to Secretary-Treasurer who would in turn cheque out all payments on this account and thus simplify the present dual method of accounting.

Adoption moved by Dr. J. R. Corston, seconded by Dr. Ross

Millar and carried.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Dr. W. N. Rehfuss read the report and it was on motion decided to take it up clause by clause.

1. Activities of Branch Societies.

Recommended.

(a) That the Secretary of the Parent Society get in touch periodically with Presidents of Local Societies urging necessity of having reports of meetings, etc., sent in.

(b) That Secretaries of Local Societies be impressed with the necessity of sending in reports of meetings, election of officers, special

news, etc., to the general Secretary.

This was adopted on motion of Dr. MacIntosh, seconded by Dr. Lewis Thomas.

2. Method of Collection of Fees.

It was moved by Dr. M. T. Sullivan, seconded by Dr. A. McD.

Morton, and carried.

That the Secretary make two separate drafts on the Medical men of Nova Scotia, one month apart. One for the fees of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia, the other for the fees of the Canadian Medical Association.

3. Workmen's Compensation Board.

There was a great deal of discussion on this subject, the Committee expressing the opinion that the Medical Referee should be made a full member of the Board. A resolution was read from the Colchester-Hants Branch with much the same object in view. Dissatisfaction was expressed at the thirty-day limit for treatment, the bringing of men to Halifax for treatment which could be done locally and, also, at the refusal of the Board to pay for operations tending to make a man fit.

Dr. Rehfuss moved, "that this Society reccommend that the Medical Referee be made a full member of the Compensation Board,

and that a special committee be appointed to interview the Board and see what arrangements could be made to have them recommend the appointment, and also to see the Government in order to have the necessary changes made in the Act." Seconded by Dr. W. H. Eagar and carried.

The Committee was named by the Chair.

Dr. J. J. Roy, Sydney, Dr. J. A. Munro, Amherst, Dr. A. McD. Morton, Halifax.

4. The Bulletin.

Recommended.

That the Bulletin be continued in its present form as a purely Nova Scotia Journal was on motion adopted. This was a standing vote and was unanimous. Dr. Murphy spoke saying that it was essential to have some man like Dr. S. L. Walker to carry on the routine office work.

Editor in Chief	Dr. G. H. MURPHY.
Associate Editors	Dr. S. J. McLennan
	DR. H. B. ATLEE.
	Dr. A. Birt.
Secretary Editorial Board	Dr. S. L. WALKER.

It was moved by Dr. W. J. Egan, seconded by Dr. M. T. Sullivan and carried.—

That the Secretary get in touch with the Local Societies and have them name Branch Editors.

5. The Office of Secretary-Treasurer.

Recommended:

(a) That the Secretary and Treasurer be separate officials. This was on motion adopted.

(b) That the Secretary be likewise Secretary of the Editorial

Board of the Bulletin. On motion adopted.

(c) That the said Secretary be paid not less than Sixty Dollars

(\$60.00) a month. On motion adopted.

(d) That Dr. Smith L. Walker be appointed to this post. On motion adopted.

Notice of Motion.

Dr. W. N. Rehfuss then gave the following Notice Of Motion In accordance with Article XIII of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia, I hereby give Notice of Motion that at the next annual meeting I shall move to amend Article VI, Section I, which now reads "The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents and a Secretary who shall also be Treasurer."—so that it shall read,—"The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer."

Also Article VIII, Sections 3 and 4, which now read,-

"3. The Secretary and Treasurer shall keep the records of the Society and perform all the duties usually pertaining to that office and such other duties as may be prescribed for him by the Executive Committee as hereinafter provided for and, under the same authority, he shall receive and disburse and duly account for all sums of money belonging to the Society. He shall keep accurate accounts and vouchers of all his receipts and payments on behalf of the Society and of all invested funds, with the income and disposition thereof, that may be placed in his keeping and shall submit these accounts, with a Financial Report for the preceding year to the Society at the Annual Meeting.

"4. The financial Report of the Secretary-Treasurer shall, with the vouchers, be referred to the Auditors who shall examine the same

and report at a subsequent session."

So that these Sections shall read.—

"3. The Secretary shall keep the records of the Society and perform all the duties usually pertaining to that office, and such other duties as may be prescribed for him by the Executive Committee as

hereinafter provided for."

"4. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse and duly account for all sums of money belonging to the Society. He shall keep accurate accounts and vouchers of all his receipts and payments on behalf of the Society, and of all invested funds, with the income and disposition thereof, that may be placed in his keeping and shall submit these accounts, with a Financial Report for the preceding year to the Society at the Annual Meeting."

"5. The Financial Report of the Treasurer shall, with the vouchers, be referred to the Auditors, who shall examine the same

and report at a subsequent session."

Also Article X, Section I, which now reads,-

"Every member shall pay to the Secretary-Treasurer a fee of Ten Dollars annually."

So that it shall read,—

"Every member shall pay to the Society a fee of Ten Dollars annually."

Also Section 4 of Article X, which now reads,-

"The funds so collected shall be appropriated to defray the expenses of the Annual Meetings, the travelling expenses of the Secretary-Treasurer to and from the place of all regular and special meetings of the Society, and for such other objects as the Society may from time to time determine."

So that it shall read,—

"The funds so collected shall be appropriated to defray the expenses of the Annual Meetings, the travelling expenses of the Secretary and the Treasurer to and from the place of all regular and special meetings of the Society and for such other objects as the Society may from time to time determine."

Also Article XI, Order of Business, Number 8, which now reads,-

"(8) Financial Report of Secretary-Treasurer,"

So that it shall read,-

"(8) Financial Report of Treasurer."

(Signed) W. N. REHFUSS.

It was moved by Dr. Ross Millar, seconded by Dr. Sullivan, and carried that Dr. J. G. D. Campbell be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for the ensuing year.

6. The Stewart Memorial.

Recommended.

(a) That this testimonial take the form of a John Stewart Chair of Surgery at Dalhousie University, to be endowed with a subscription of not less than \$50,000.00 and that Dr. John Stewart be its first incumbent.

(b) That a Committee be appointed to deal with this matter

immediately.

It was moved by Dr. M. A. MacAulay, seconded by Dr. M. T. Sullivan, that the Society express its approval of the suggestion and that Dr. E. V. Hogan be appointed chairman of the Committee with power to name his own Committee. Carried.

7. The Executive Committee.

Recommended.

(a) That members of the Society accepting appointment to the Executive undertake, in so accepting, to attend one general meeting each year.

This was on motion adopted.

(b) That a small committee of the Executive be appointed by that body to act for it as a quorum, in case of special meetings.

This was on motion adopted.

(c) That the travelling expenses of this quorum to various meetings they may be called upon to attend, be paid out of the funds of the Society.

This was on motion adopted.

(d) That those accepting appointment to this quorum undertake to attend all meetings called by the President.

This was on motion adopted.

8. Nova Scotia Temperance Act.

No recommendation, discussion postponed.

Honorary Membership.

On the recommendation of the Executive and motion of Dr. M. Chisholm and Dr. H. W. Schwartz, Dr. S. N. Miller of Middleton was made an Honorary Member of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia.

The discussion of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act was then opened by Dr. W. N. Rehfuss who explained that the Committee had felt it better to make no recommendation, but leave the matter absolutely open to the meeting. Discussion then became general, taking up many phases of the question. Among these taking part were, Doctors F. R. Little, Ross Millar, J. W. Reid, Williamson, Murphy, Churchill, Cameron, M. Chilsholm, Kirkpatrick, Burris, Almon, and others. Further discussion was postponed until the dinner in the evening, and it being one o'clock the President declared the meeting adjourned to meet at the Victoria General Hospital at 2.30 P. M.

THURSDAY, JULY th., 1926. 2.30 P. M.

The meeting was called to order in the Clinic room at the Victoria

General Hospital by the President.

Dr. Frank H. Leahy of Boston then took charge and gave a most interesting and instructive Surgical Clinic, dealing with Cancer of the Rectum, Goitre in all its phases, Splenic Anaemia and Cholelithiasis. He dealt with these topics from all aspects in a most masterly manner and was aided in some points by Dr. Pratt of Boston. There was much general discussion, Dr. Leahy answering all questions asked.

The meeting then adjourned to the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Evatt Mathers, Jollimore Village, where the members of the Society were the guests at a most enjoyable Garden Party.

THURSDAY EVENING-JULY 8, 1926, 7.00 P. M.

The Annual dinner of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia was held at the Ashburn Golf Club, where the Society were the guests of the Halifax Medical Society, the President of that Society, Dr. P. Weatherbee presiding. About seventy-five members were present and a most enjoyable time was had by all, the orchestra adding much to the cheer of the evening. The toasts were as follows: The King. Our distinguished Guests by Dr. G. H. Murphy, replied to by Dr. Pratt and Dr. Leahy, who thanked all concerned for the wonderful time they had had while in Nova Scotia. To Dr. and Mrs. Mathers, proposed by Dr. Weatherbee and replied to by Dr. Mathers. The

Halifax Medical Society proposed by Dr. Ross Millar and replied to by Dr. Corston.

A vote of thanks to the Ladies' Committee was moved by Dr.

Corston, seconded by Dr. Murphy and carried.

A vote of thanks was moved to Dalhousie University for the use of the Medical Science Building, to the Victoria General Hospital for the use of its Clinical facilities, to the City Club, Halifax Club, Waegwoltic, Halifax Golf and Golf Clubs, for courtesies extended to visiting members, to Gorsebrook and Brightwood Golf Clubs and to

the Press for publicity given the meetings. Carried.

Dr. Hogan, the President of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia then took the chair and asking all present to stand, called upon the Secretary to read the Obituary Report which included the names—of two Honorary members of the Society, Dr. J. R. Collie and Dr. W. S. Woodworth and of four other members of the profession, Dr. J. H. Slayter, Dr. R. O. Shatford, Dr. A. C. Hawkins and Dr. H. V. Pearman.

The following resolution was moved by Dr. J. G. D. Campbell,

and seconded by Dr. J. A. Munroe. Carried.

Resolved that this Society extend its sincere sympathy to the families of the deceased, and that this Record be placed on the Minutes of this session.

Discussion of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act was then resumed and the following resolution was moved by Dr. G. H. Murphy, seconded

by Dr. H. B. Atlee.

Whereas: The Medical profession in the Province of Nova Scotia has been made a part of the Machinery of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act and has been forced to bear practically the entire brunt of the enforcement of that Act, without either their consultation or approval.

And Whereas, this position is one which is to the Medical practitioner an embarrassing and degrading one, tending to lower his dignity

and respect among the general public.

Be it therefore resolved that:—The Medical Society of Nova Scotia, in Annual session held at Halifax, July, 1926, express its protest at this unfortunate state of affairs and its disapproval of such continuance, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Government by the Secretary of this Society.

After general discussion, during which a motion by Doctors Thomas and Cochran to postpone action until next year was defeated,

the above motion carried with but one dissenting vote.

On motion, all unfinished business was referred to the Executive for action and after the playing of the National Anthem the session adjourned sine die at 10.15 P. M.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Presented at the 73rd Annual Meeting of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia, at Halifax, July 7-8, 1926.

The Cogswell Library.

Two meetings of the Committee were held, in conjunction with

the Library Committee of Dalhousie University.

The sum of \$170.00 was received, income accruing from the endowment fund. The amount was not expended for any separate specific purpose, but was merged in the funds available from other sources.

Other income available for library purposes was \$360.00 from a special Rockefeller Fund, and \$857.90 from the general appropriation.

The policy of the United Library Committees for the year was to increase the number of Journals subscribed for and to complete back files of certain important Journals of reference, particularly in the medical sciences.

During the year the Medical Library has been augmented by the purchase of 59 books and 228 bound Journals; seventeen periodicals, unbound, and fifty-five books were donated.

Sixty-four Journals are regularly coming to the Library, covering

a wide range of activity.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) A. G. NICHOLLS,

Chairman.

The Workmen's Compensation Board.

The Workmen's Compensation Board Committee of the Nova Scotia Medical Society, beg to submit this report for the past year.

The work of the Committee during the year was exceptionally light. Resolutions passed by the Valley Medical Society, the Western Nova Scotia Medical Society, and the Eastern Counties Medical Society, all of which resolutions have appeared in the Bulletin, were considered by your Committee. Mr. Paton took the usual stand on this question, stating that the Act, as it is at the present time, leaves him no choice in the matter.

Your Committee suggests that an attempt be made, at the next meeting of the Legislature, to bring about such changes in the Act as to bring it in line with the prayer of the Resolutions referred to.

(Signed) G. H. MURPHY,

Chairman of Committee.

OBITUARY

- The Report Presented at the Last Annual Meeting of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia at its Closing Session, July 8, 1926.
- Resolved: That the Medical Society of Nova Scotia extends its sincere sympathy to the families of our deceased members:—
- JAMES ROSS COLLIE, M. D., Harvard University 1869, River John, N. S. Died July 11th, 1925, Aged 85 years. Honorary Member of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia.
- WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE WOODWORTH, M.D., Harvard University 1873, Kentville, N. S. Died July 22nd, 1925. Aged 78 years. Honorary Member of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia.
- JOHN HOWARD SLAYTER, M.D., C.M., Edin-University 1888, Grand Pre. Died January 7th, 1926.
- RALPH OWEN SHATFORD, M.D., C.M., Dalhousie University 1908, Londonderry. Died February 4th, 1926. Aged 43 years.
- ARTHUR CHARLES HAWKINS, M.D., C.M., McGill 1885, Halifax, N. S. Died March 19th, 1926. Aged 64 years.
- HORACE VIVIAN PEARMAN, M.D., C.M., McGill 1888, Wolfville, N. S. Died April 24th, 1926.
- Further Resolved: That suitable record be made in the Minutes of this meeting of their names and this Resolution.

Public Health Committee.

Your Committee wishes to report that during the year which has elapsed several outstanding occurrences in the public health field have taken place, which it is their wish to bring before the Society. It also wishes to direct the attention of the Society towards several other items of interest.

- I. Closer co-operation has been brought about between the Provincial Health Department and the Department engaged in the collection of vital statistics of the Province. This will make for greatly increased efficiency. It is strictly in line with the procedure followed in many other Provinces and States.
- II. A movement in favour of more effective Tuberculosis control has been inaugurated. Your Committee has no doubt but that this will be heartily endorsed by the Medical Society. The active interest of the Society is an essential to success. Individually, the majority of the members of the Executive of the Society have expressed their approbation of the formation of the Nova Scotia Tuberculosis Commission. If this matter has not already been considered under another portion of the Agenda of this meeting, your Committee begs to move that the Nova Scotia Medical Society place itself on record as endorsing the attempt at Tuberculosis control under consideration, approving of the formation of the Commission and nominating the President of the Society and Dr. K. A. McKenzie as the representatives of the Society on the Commission.
- III. The installation of a Radio Broadcasting Station in Halifax will provide the means, should the Society wish to avail itself of it, of placing before a large lay audience the views of the Society in connection with many matters of public interest. If the Society so wishes, arrangements for several talks of ten minutes each can be made, during each quarter in which broadcasting is being done.
- IV. During each succeeding year the alarming prevalence of Cancer is becoming more and more a cause of comment. This Province is one, which by its peculiar age composition is made more subject to the degenerative diseases than many of the sister Provinces. It is suggested that the Society take cognizance of this fact. The formation of a Cancer Committee, which might study this matter, holding itself in readiness to co-operate with any organization of kindred aim or engaged in educational propaganda suited to our needs, is suggested.
- V. The Public Health Committee of this Society called attention last year to the increasing number of instances coming under observation which indicate that more satisfactory arrangements for the treatment of drug addicts must soon be provided. It is to be anticipated that this need will become more and more insistent. It is suggested that the Executive Committee

of the Society be instructed to consider this matter, should it become advisable for the medical profession to indicate its desire with reference to the provision of treatment facilities.

> (Signed) A. C. Jost, Chairman.

Nova Scotia Board-Canadian Medical Association Journal.

On behalf of the Nova Scotia Provincial Board, Canadian Medical Association Journal, I beg to report on the year ended June 30, 1926.

The new policy of the Central Editorial Board relieved the Provincial Board of the duty of selecting and editing papers contributed by Nova Scotia authors, and left us merely the duty of selecting papers and furnishing news notes.

Each month a budget of news notes from Nova Scotia was forwarded, and obituary notices were sent relative to members of the profession in this province of whose death we were informed.

Reports of medical society meetings were prepared and forwarded, as far as your committee had information of such meetings. In this, your committee is indebted to the Secretaries of several of the Branch Societies for much valued assistance.

Papers were secured from Professors Babkin, Dreyer and Bean, and from Drs. A. C. Jost (two papers), J. G. MacDougall and E. Kirk MacLellan. In addition to these, a paper forwarded independently by Dr. A. R. Campbell was published.

Your committee secured a case report from Dr. M. G. Burris, besides which similar reports forwarded independently by Drs. M. T. Sullivan and Samuel Marcus were published.

Two contributions to the Department of Men and Books were obtained from Dr. A. C. Jost, and one was sent by the undersigned.

Several editorial articles were contributed by the undersigned. Book reviews were contributed by Drs. H. B. Atlee, A. R. Cunningham, E. V. Hogan, J. G. MacDougall, K. A. MacKenzie, G. H. Murphy, and Professors Bean, Gibbs, Nicholls, and Young.

During the year our province was represented to a greater extent in the Journal than previously, but your Board feels that it must be the desire of the profession that it should make a considerably better showing in future. The Board, therefore, wishes to bespeak for the Board to be elected the general support and assistance of the profession throughout the province. By informing the Board of matters which should be reported, by contributing articles and case reports, and by furnishing full accounts of the meeting of Branch Societies, members of the Board could assist greatly in placing our province on the medical map and in taking its due share in the advancement of professional interests throughout the Dominion.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Recreation

PROBABLY no men are in such need of occasional recreation as those of the Medical profession whether it be the country practitioner, with his broken hours of rest and his responsibilities that often he cannot share with others, or, on the other hand, the city surgeon or physician whose physical hardships may not be as great as those of his brother in the country, but whose nervous system is subjected to a much greater strain. All of these men will, we feel convinced, be greatly benefitted by the possession of some intellectual hobby to which they can turn in times of need and stress. The whole range of science and literature is open to all. We do not intend to make any enumeration in detail, but to suggest the value, to most people, of some few subjects which are in greatest contrast to our daily pursuits, and so offer the greatest change.

Our attention naturally becomes directed to Literature and History. If a person, however, has not the inclination to read serious literature or history, the great novelists of the past, Scott, Dickens, Thackeray, and Beaconsfield will be found to offer a never failing source of interest and entertainment. In these writers we will find something more than the portrayal of characters whose only interests seem to be some miserable foible, mostly of a sexual nature, or some situation brought about by some mean obliquity of character, which seem to be the subject matter of most of our so called modern realists.

Jazz seems to have invaded literature as well as music.

If one is interested in romance what better can he read than Scott's Ivanhoe, The Talisman, Count Robert of Paris, The Abbott and the Monastery, to say nothing of Kenilworth and Peveril of the Peak.

The serious study of a period of British History can be absorbingly interesting, as well as profitable, if taken up in a systematic way, and the various authorities read and the references verified. Clarendon's "History of the Rebellion," read side by side with Carlyle's "Cromwell" and Trevelyan's "Age of the Stewarts," will not only prove more interesting than the "Jazz" novel but also give to the serious reader a

mental poise and improved critical judgment.

We hasten along to lay before our readers the claims and absorbing interest of the ancient classics in the original, if possible, and, if not, in translation. The signs of the times are beginning to point to a second renaissance of humanitarian studies, and a world weary of materialism seems to be turning to the pursuit of noble and elevating studies. It has been our good fortune to have read over an address delivered last year by Mr. Baldwin, the Prime Minister, on the subject of "The Classics and the Plain Man." His address is so remarkable that we feel constrained to quote in extenso some of the passages that seem to be the most salient.

Speaking of the literature of Greece and Rome he says, "The literature, in which people with such an outlook found entertainment and instruction, was not composed of novels or problem plays dealing with heroes and heroines struggling in their little traps, that their own weakness had sprung for them; but what was portrayed in the Greek tragedies was nothing less than the human spirit at grips with the toils of destiny itself. Whether it is a demigod like Prometheus, or a man like Oedipus, who is on the rack, whether their sacrifice to what they deemed their duty is demanded of a wife like Alcestes, or a young girl like Antigone, they show us, one and all, the spirit which is unperturbed by trial and undiverted by catastrophe. It may be said that this high-bearing in trials so remote avails little to guide us among our practical daily perplexities; but surely the great tragedy, though not drawing on the smaller issues of life for its themes, shows how these should be faced by portraying to us the serene and the right spirit toward the ultimate issues."

He relates a personal experience in the following words,—"I remember well the first election I fought. The candidate was expected to spend three evenings a week, during the time of his probation, in one or other of the public houses which jostled each other through the constituency, listening to and vociferously applauding what, for want of a better term, was called a comic song. After a time I felt the need of a moral purge and a literary sedative. When I came home at nights from these orgies I seldom went to bed without reading something of the Odyssey, the Aeneid or the Odes of Horace. By the date of the election I had read all the last named and most of the others, not without labor in the dictionaries, not always with ease, but with care and increasing joy; and with the desired result that,

though defeated, I had passed through the fire and the smell of burning

was not on my garments."

Further on he says,—"But over and above these qualities which delight the intellect there is the more subtle, deeper something which touches the heart and soul. The voices that speak to us across the death and rebirth of nations touch every emotion of each succeeding generation in these later days, as they touched those who had ears to hear in Athens and in Rome, and they reach us with the added solemnity and pathos which cling to remembered sayings of those we have loved and lost. Every intimate problem was theirs, as it is ours, and the more you open your soul to their appeal the more profound your pity for stumbling humanity, and the more eager your efforts to bind together the family of man rather than to loosen it. 'We are linked together in the shallows no less than in the deeps.' Need I quote,—"Diffugere nives (The snows disappear)"—to those whose first home was in the country? Is not everything in those lines,the passing of winter and the feathering out of the trees, the assurance of every Spring in every world that ever was? How many a holiday and home coming are recalled by the words,-

> "Peregrino Labore fessi venimus larem ad mostrum Desiderato que acquiescimus lecto."

"Wearied with labour in a foreign country we come to our own home

and rest on our longed for couch."

If these quotations are not sufficient to convince us that our best sentiments are common both to ourselves and ancient Greece, especially those of liberty and devotion to duty, let us close by contemplating the Epitaph on the Athenian, who fell at Platea, an Epitaph which might fittingly be enscribed on the Cenotaph of the Unknown Soldier.—(translated), "If a noble death is the greatest reward of worth, Fortune has conferred this upon us of all others, for desiring to confer freedom upon Greece, we be here partaking of an undying Eulogy."

S. J. M.

Some members of the medical profession have been heard to question the desirability of lay organizations directing public health efforts, and to some extent expressing doubts of the value of work done by such societies and by nurses. The reflection is not just, and only calls to the fore the dilatory manner in which medical societies have endorsed community health work. Community health can only be bettered by community effort. Sir Arthur Newsholme of London, at a dinner in New York recently, said the expectancy of life, 58.59 years, was largely due to the "increased care of health now becoming more general, both by personal effort and by the work of health authorities, and of voluntary agencies." It is a get-together job.

Dr. Fraser Harris, formerly Professor of Physiology at Dalhousie, misses from his library several books which he values very highly. As some of these were occasionally borrowed by his friends, it may be that they are on the shelves of some of his old-time colleagues or former students. Of particular importance to him is a bound volume of reprints of his own writings. He also misses a large text on anatomy, J. J. R. MacLeod's Physiology and Biochemistry, a History of Biology (small book containing portraits), a book on the parasites of man by Champion, Dorlands Medical Dictionary, Punch's History of the War, "Astarte" by the Earl of Lovelace, "All about Byron," and W. L. George's "Second Blooming." Should any of our readers have one or more of these books, Dr. Harris would be very grateful if he would send such either direct to his address (The Aggons, Dane Hill, Sussex, England) or to the Medical Librarian, Dalhousie University, Halifax.

Physicians throughout the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland will be interested to know that this year's refresher course under the auspices of the Dalhousie Medical Faculty promises to be of unusual interest. While the dates arranged (August 23 to 27) are somewhat earlier than usual, it is felt that this will not prove a disadvantage. The period, also, has been shortened to five days, but these days will be crowded with attractive clinics and lectures. The mornings will be filled, as in past years, with clinics at the hospitals, while in the afternoons will be given by Sir Henry Gauvin, of England, Dr. Staurt Pritchard, of Battle Creek, and Drs. John Fraser, W. F. Hamilton and L. J. Rhea of Montreal. With such an array of talent, the success of the course is assured and a large attendance is anticipated. The course is given without charge, and all duly qualified practitioners are welcomed.

Material held over for subsequent issues.—"Chronic Headaches from the Viewpoint of General Medicine."—"Registration at Annual Meeeting."—Proceedings Cape Breton Medical Society."—Papers Presented at the Annual Meeting, etc.

A Slight Surplus.

A sad looking woman of mature years appeared in the street pushing a baby carriage, in which a fine, healthy looking infant was howling lustily. A friend approached. "Why! Mrs. Lufkins!" she ejaculated, "What a darling baby! But you have no children. Whose is it?"

"You're wrong, my dear," replied the sad faced one, "This is

my husband; he went too far with the gland cure."

THE JOHN STEWART CHAIR OF SURGERY.

In view of the recent action of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia the following letter from Dr. John Stewart will be greatly appreciated:—

To the Members of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia:

My dear Friends:

Your great kindness in deciding to celebrate the Jubilee of my graduation by establishing at Dalhousie University a Chair in Surgery to be called by my name demanded, as it seemed to me at first sight, a personal letter of thanks to each member of the Society. But I take refuge from this willing and cheerful

but laborious task by addressing my generous comrades through the Bulletin, which I trust is read by every member of the Society.

It is a great joy to me to think that I have the confidence and affection of my colleagues, and this testimony of your regard for me goes to my heart. It is amazing, it is absolutely unexpected, it is almost incredible. I can only say I am overwhelmed in the consideration of it. It passes my art to know where you are

to get all this money.

As to the form of this testimonial of your good will to me, I can think of no other so grateful to my feelings. Looking back, as I do, on our Medical School for fifty years, remembering the courage and hope and self-sacrifice of the founders, its early struggles, its "perilous passages," and its final and full establishment through the far-sighted liberality of the Governors of the University; considering too, the long and steadily increasing roll of graduates who uphold the name of their Alma Mater throughout all Canada and the Empire and beyond, you cannot wonder if I must own to a sense of pride in seeing my name occupy the place you have so generously given it among the endowed chairs.

Let me say in no spirit of mock humility that my pride is tempered by the conviction that I am not worthy of all this kindness, and that I am not unmindful of the dangers that lie

in wait for us when "all men speak well" of us.

May I say that this undertaking of the Society shows that doctors can keep a secret. I am told that this enterprise has been discussed among you, and practically decided upon for several months, yet I never heard a whisper of it, and although I was aware when listening to the Address of the President and from what I could hear of the Committee's Report, that some of my friends in the Society had it in mind to celebrate my jubilee in some way, the first intimation I had of the real nature of your intention was from the newspapers on the following day.

In conclusion: I note that you think me still capable of some work. Great and unfeigned as is my sense of the honour implied in the name of the new chair, there is an added pride in the evidence that you think me worthy of occupying it. Whatever may be the duties your Committee may see fit to entrust to

the first "incumbent," I can only promise to do my best to fulfill these. I am,

Yours, sincerely and gratefully,

(Signed) JOHN STEWART.

CRETINS.

An Etymological Note.

Gibbon speaks of the bitter intolerance of the Arian Goths of Africa and Spain and of the savage persecution inflicted upon their Athanasion subjects. One reads of a Catholic princess of Spain being "pulled about by the hair, inhumanly dashed to the ground, kicked till she was covered with blood, stripped naked and thrown into a pond," of the persecution and murder of her orthodox husband and of the allegiance to their belief of thousands of victims, which was strong enough to raise them to the heights of martyrdom in greater numbers, perhaps, than has ever been known in all the history of that devoted passion.

It may easily be understood that, although the Goths eventually became converted to the orthodox creed, still the memory and shame of the Arian persecution could not soon be forgotten. Still bearing the odium of their Arian misdeeds, these Spanish Goths at the time of the Moorish invasion were driven to seek refuge among the isolated glens of the Pyrenees. There they were called 'Christaas' (and in France 'Chritiens') to distinguish them from Jewish and other fugitives.

Hated by the Saracens and despised by their orthodox and Jewish neighbours, they were compelled to live apart. Isolation, confinement in narrow valleys, poverty and intermarriage were as potent in ancient times as in the present to produce the degeneracy and idiocy which resulted with great frequency among them.

Some abbreviation of their name, some looseness of observation and transference of terms has resulted in the name "Cretins" being applied to that type of idiocy commonly seen in the Swiss Alps. And so, strangely enough, it happens that these unfortunates bear a title of shame acquired by the Gothic conquerors of Rome. So, too, in the use of this name some twelve hundred years later does Modern Medicine recall to us the story of this ancient clash of race and creed.

(Signed) M. G. Burris.

Some Advertisement.

Funeral Director and Licensed Embalmer, graduate of the New England Institute of Sanitary Service and Embalming of Boston, Mass.

OBITUARY

THE death occurred in London Eng., July 20th of Susan, wife of Major-General G. Carleton Jones, C.M.G., M.D.,C.M., M.R. C.S., Eng. Mrs. Jones was a daughter of the late Robert Morrow of Halifax. In recent years the family has resided in Italy.

William H. Gridley of Yarmouth died July 24th, 1926, aged 71 years. He was prominent in Fraternal Organizations and closely identified with sports. Besides his immediate family he leaves two sisters, one of whom is Mrs. Perrin, wife of Dr. A. M. Perrin of Yarmouth.

The death occurred recently in Toronto, of Horace Eugene Eaton D.D.S., aged 66 years. He began his practice in Parrsboro, N. S., but has resided in Toronto for many years. He was born in Lower Canard and married a Miss Rogers of Amherst. Dr. F. F. Eaton of Truro is a brother of the deceased.

Mrs. Jones, wife of Major-General Guy Carleton Jones, whose death is noted above, was a daughter of the late Robert Morrow and the former Miss Stairs, both of Halifax. She was born in Halifax and spent her early years at "Bircham" on the shores of the Northwest Arm. She was married October 30, 1889.

Mrs. Jones achieved considerable success as a writer of fiction and was the author of several books including "A Detached Pirate", "A Girl of the North," "The Fascinating Mr. Savage," "The Career of Mrs. Osborne," "The Micmac", and many short stories. She wrote under the name of "Helen Milicete."

Mr. Charles C. Payson, a veteran of the Yukon gold rush of 1898, died recently in Dawson City. He was a member of the famous Nile Expedition for the relief of Gordon. He was a native of Digby County. Mrs. Rice of Halifax is a sister and Dr. Grace Rice a niece of the deceased.

Maccan, Cumberland County, N. S. lost one of its oldest and best known and respected citizens in the person of Jeptha Harrison, aged 85 years. He received injuries when getting off a train on July 15th, and died about two weeks later. Dr. L. L. Harrison of Halifax, is a son of the deceased.

PERSONALS

THE marriage took place June 28th, 1926, at Knox Crescent Church, Montreal, of Dr. M. H. Dawson, M.C., and Marjorie, daughter of the late W. R. Granger and Mrs. Granger of Montreal. Dr. Dawson is a McGill 1924 Graduate and is engaged in hospital and laboratory work in New York. The latter part of July and the early days in August were spent at the groom's former home in Truro. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Dawson of that town.

Dr. F. F. Eaton and Mrs. Eaton of Truro, spent a portion of the hot days in July motoring through Cape Breton.

Dr. H. A. Ratchford of North Sydney, who was for a time at Iona is now on the staff of St. Mary's Hospital, Inverness.

Dr. J. E. Barss of Battle Creek, Michigan, a 1924 graduate at Ann Arbor, with his family, recently visited his former home in Wolfville.

Dr. A. S. Burns of Kentville gave the address on July 20th, to the local Rotary Club, his subject being "Rotary Education."

Dr. Prescott Irwin of Philadelphia is visiting his parents, Hon. and Mrs. Irwin at their home in Shelburne.

Mrs. Penney, widow of the late Dr. L. T. W. Penney of New Germany, received a rather severe shaking up in an auto collision at New Germany, July 18th.

Professor D. Fraser Harris, M.D., D.Sc., F.R.S., Edinburgh, formerly of Dalhousie University, has recently published in the Hibbert Journal of London, an article entitled "Biology and Personality."

Dr. Luther MacKenzie and Mrs. MacKenzie of New York, spent their July vacation with the Doctor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William MacKenzie of Bedford.

Dr. J. W. Reid, Jr., Dalhousie 1926, has taken over his brother's practice, Dr. A. R. Reid, in Brooklyn, Hants Co., N. S.

Aberdeen Hospital, New Glasgow, awarded diplomas to nine nurses, July 7th, 1926. A welcome and interested speaker on this occasion was the Rev. James Carruthers, D.D., who, more than any other individual, was responsible for the founding of this excellent institution. Dr. Evan Kennedy spoke for the local practitioners.

Dr. John F. Brown, Dalhousie 1924, Grand Falls, Newfoundland, spent a short vacation in July with his parents in Trenton, N. S.

At the June graduation of nurses of Highland View Hospital, Amherst, the chief address was given by Dr. Clarence Webster of Shediac. In it he noted the development of the nursing service from the life work of Florence Nightingale. Four nurses constituted the graduating class.

Dr. A. R. Campbell of Yarmouth, returned home from a six week's trip the latter part of July. After attending the meeting of the Canadian Medical Association in Victoria he travelled north in British Columbia and as far as Alaska. At Amyox, B. C. he visited Dr. Harold Trefry, who went there last year from Tusket, N. S. Dr. Campbell returned home via Toronto, New York and Boston. The leading business and professional men in B. C. are largely from the Maritime Provinces; Nova Scotia furnishing the largest quota.

Dr. A. C. Fales of Middleton, with Mrs. Fales, has removed to Annapolis for the summer months.

Dr. Eric W. MacDonald, Dalhousie 1922, of Reserve, spent his vacation recently in Halifax, visiting his mother Mrs. John McDonald, Edward St., Halifax. Dr. Gerald Burns of Halifax, supplied during his absence.

Dr. A. J. Fuller of Yarmouth, is spending a part of the summer at the home of his son, Albert Fuller of Avonport, N. S.

Dr. W. J. and Mrs. Barton of Brunswick St., Halifax, arrived home July 17th after a pleasant visit to Boston and Tiverton, R. I.

Dr. John J. Cameron is President of the Antigonish Highland Society for 1926. Among the charter members of the Society which was incorporated in 1861 were the late Doctors Alexander McIntosh and W. H. McDonald.

Dr. S. S. Slauenwhite of Rose Bay has spent much of the Spring and early summer with his sister who has been seriously ill at their former home in Conquerall, Lunenburg Co.

Dr. J. P. McGrath of Kentville was quite ill during the greater part of July.

The July Bulletin mentioned that Dr. A. M. and Mrs. Perrin recently celebrated the fiftieth aniversary of their wedding. In 1923 he completed fifty years of practice of which forty-five were in Yar-

mouth, and he was made an Honorary Member of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia. The profession will be glad to know that he will prepare for the Bulletin some reminiscences of the earlier days of his practice. While the doctor is unable to write Mrs. Perrin will be his amanuensis, and her writing is much more acceptable to the printer than that of most of the doctors.

Dr. O. R. Stone of Sherbrooke was a few days ago admitted to St. Martha's Hospital, Antigonish, suffering from shock following exposure and exertion in too cold water while surf bathing. He was visiting the Fraser families at Stillwater, and were it not for the first aid rendered by his friends under the Doctor's instruction, he might not have recovered. Dr. J. L. McIsaac of Antigonish drove 60 miles in record time to give medical assistance, taking him to the hospital as soon as he was fit to travel.

On August 2nd Dr. Edward Jeffers of Parrsboro met with a painful accident, sustaining two broken ribs, at the Harrington Iron Bridge, Five Islands. Endeavouring to take the sharp turn at the approach of the bridge, the brake failed and the car crashed into the iron railing of the bridge. Pinned to his seat the Doctor was unable to extricate himself until help came along. It is hoped he will make a speedy recovery.

Dr. J. J. R. McLeod of Toronto was in Halifax for two or three days early in August. He was accompanied by Mrs. McLeod, and during his stay visited the science buildings of Dalhousie.

Dr. A. R. Campbell of Yarmouth, addressed the Kiwanis Club Aug. 2nd, on his recent trip to B. C. and the Yukon.

All members of the Profession in Nova Scotia will be glad to know that Dr. H. K. McDonald is making a satisfactory convalescence from his recent operation. He has been under the care of Dr. Lahey in Boston.

Dr. D. L. McKinnon of Truro with wife and family are spending a vacation at the McKinnon homestead, Lake Ainslie, N. S.

Dr. Harrison, Professor of Obstetrics at John Hopkins, with Mrs. Harrison and daughter, is summering in Wolfville, at the Acadia Villa Hotel.

Dr. A. E. G. Forbes and Mrs. Forbes of Lunenburg, recently had a pleasant motor trip through Eastern Nova Scotia and Cape Breton.

- Dr. S. W. Williamson, wife and daughter of Yarmouth motored to the East and spent a few days at the doctor's old homestead at Loganville, Pictou Co.
- Dr. D. J. MacGillivray of Cornwall, Conn., a native of Antigonish is a patient in St. Martha's Hospital with a badly lacerated arm received in an auto collision near Wentworth, Cumb. Co.
- Dr. A. G. Nichols, for several years on the Medical Staff of Dalhousie University and Provincial Pathologist has resigned. No reasons for his resignation have been made public.

Among the many Medical men summering in Nova Scotia are Doctor Arthur Bogart and Doctor J. Bion Bogart of Brooklyn, N. Y. They are at their former home in Lower Granville.

- Dr. Frederick G. Philips, an eminent physician and surgeon, who died recently at his home in Providence R. I. was well-known to many in Halifax. He was one of the Volunteer Surgeons in Halifax, following the explosion in December 1917. He was not only skilful; but had a pleasing cheerful personality which won him many friends at that time. He had been married but four days before his death.
- Col. F. S. L. Ford, P.A.M.C. of Toronto, has been visiting friends at his old home in Milton, N. S. the guest of his brother, Mr. E. D. Ford.

Miss Bamford, for some years the Superintendent of the Childrens' Hospital, Halifax, has resigned and Miss Agnes D. Carson, Assistant Superintendent of Nurses in the Victoria General Hospital, has assumed her duties temporarily.

A recent visitor to his old home was Dr. Hubert Lyons of New York. He visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lyons of Kentville.

Dr. H. E. Ricker of the Vermont Tuberculosis Commission, recently visited the Nova Scotia Sanatorium at Kentville.

Dr. Charles Smith, a practising physician of Philadelphia, was a member of a party touring Nova Scotia in the early days of August.

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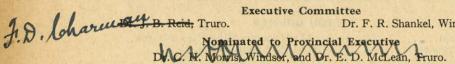
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