

Proceedings of the 79th Annual Meeting of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia

Cornwallis Inn, Kentville, N. S., July 4th to 9th, 1932

On Monday, July 4th, 1932, the Health Officers' Association held its meeting as per its Minutes reported in the September BULLETIN, pages 531-532, inclusive.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING, MEDICAL SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA.

On Monday, July 4th, 1932, at 7.30 p. m., the Executive of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia met for routine business the President, Dr. W. R. Dunbar being in the chair. After reading and approval of previous meeting minutes—Aug. 13/31 and Apr. 6/32—the Secretary was instructed to prepare the present Minutes in the form of a Report from the Executive to the Society which would become the first Order of business the following morning. Preliminary to this it was *resolved* that this Report should first ask for the appointment of several Committees as follows:—

Nominating Committee.
Committee on Presidential Address.
Committee on Acts of Courtesy.
Auditors.

The President was instructed to ask the Society to approve of this as follows:

1. The President asks for your approval of the following as members of the several Committees:—

Nominating Committee:

DR. J. R. CORSTON.....	Halifax, N. S.
DR. J. J. ROY.....	Sydney, N. S.
DR. W. N. COCHRAN.....	Mahone Bay, N. S.
DR. A. S. BURNS.....	Kentville, N. S.
DR. T. A. LEBBETTER.....	Yarmouth, N. S.

Auditors:—

DR. J. C. MORRISON.....	New Waterford, N. S.
DR. L. R. MORSE.....	Lawrencetown, N. S.
DR. R. P. SMITH.....	Halifax, N. S.

2. The Presidential Address:—

DR. H. E. KELLEY.....	Middleton, N. S.
DR. FREEMAN O'NEIL.....	Sydney, N. S.
DR. S. L. MUIP.....	Halifax, N. S.

3. Committee on Acts of Courtesy:—

DR. DAN MURPAY	Tatamagouche, N. S.
DR. T. R. JOHNSON	Great Village, N. S.
DR. ERIC McDONALD	Reserve Mines, N. S.

Drs. J. C. Morrison, H. E. Kelley and C. W. J. Beckwith were requested by the President, approved by the Executive, to sit at the meeting as alternates for absent members.

The Executive then considered the Report of the General Secretary and accepted it as its agenda for the business of the session.

The Report is herewith presented:—

ANNUAL REPORT OF GENERAL SECRETARY.

S. L. Walker, M.D., Halifax, N.S.

To the Executive of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia:—

The General Secretary would submit herewith to you his 10th Annual Report, covering the work of the Society for the year ending June 30th, 1932.

1. Membership.

From the July BULLETIN the Society will learn that the active membership for the year 1932 is 211 with 16 Honorary members making a total of 227 members as compared with 300 for 1931. (By corrections and additions the total for 1932 is 235).

Regarding Honorary Membership no recommendations for the same were received by the Secretary. In an early number of the BULLETIN there will be published a list of those who have been since 1922 elected to Honorary Membership in the Society. The following is the list of Honorary members at the present time June 30th, 1932 together with the year of their election.

NAME AND ADDRESS	YEAR ELECTED
Buckley, George E.....Guysboro, N. S.....	1922
Chisholm, Duncan McI.....Port Hood, N. S.....	1927
Cole, William Hallett.....New Germany.....	1930
Densmore, J. D.....577 Pine St., Manchester, N. H....	1928
Fox, Charles James.....Pubnico, N. S.....	1927
Kendall, Arthur S.....Sydney, N. S.....	1927
Mack, Joshua N.....Ogilvie St., Halifax.....	1928
McKay, John W.....New Glasgow.....	1928
Miller, Samuel N.....Middleton.....	1926
Moore, Willis B.....England.....	1927
Murray, D. A.....River John.....	1928
McLean, John W.....North Sydney.....	1927
MacKenzie, Mina.....India.....	1931
Reid, James W. Sr.....Windsor.....	1930
Smith, F. P.....Mill Village.....	1931
Stewart, John.....South St., Halifax, N. S.....	1922

Your Secretary would call your attention to certain sections of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Provincial Society and of Branch Societies which, in the matter of society membership, might require an amendment to

such Constitution and By-Laws. To be eligible for membership in the Provincial Society one must be, according to the Constitution,

- (a) Registered by the Provincial Medical Board.
- (b) Be a member of a Branch Society.

It has happened that a membership list of a Branch Society has included associate members who were not registered by the Provincial Medical Board.

Your attention is directed to the fact that our Canadian Medical Association members in Nova Scotia do not come up to 50 per cent. of our provincial membership. Surely some means can be suggested by which this membership might be increased.

The present method of collection of annual fees seems to be the most desirable. The banks did not take kindly to the permanent membership order. It would appear desirable that these annual collections should be made in the future through the Royal Bank of Canada as being the bank most widely represented in the Province but that the collection account shall be in the name of the Society with the General Secretary as the collection agency. It is suggested that these drafts be made not later than February 1st as experience has shown that it takes at least three months in order to carry out the same so as to have the annual membership list ready by June.

2. The Bulletin.

There will be presented to the Society a report from the Editorial Board which report may be available for your consideration. Your Secretary, however, as Business Editor of the BULLETIN, is bound to make some references to this monthly Journal. In doing so he wishes to state very positively that the BULLETIN during the past year has met the requirements of the medical profession in this province to a very much greater extent than ever before. The adoption of certain sections for allied subjects has been very satisfactory. But when all is said and done it remains to state that the greatest advance has been effected in the establishment of a system of Case Reports from various medical men and hospitals throughout the province. This new feature of the BULLETIN is entirely due to the active interest taken by Dr. Gosse, Chairman of the Editorial Board. It is only fitting that this Executive should express appreciation of his splendid work in this particular by a fitting resolution. Only one who has been responsible for the entire material contained in the BULLETIN can appreciate the valuable assistance that comes where such an acceptable part as its scientific material, is so suitably collected and arranged. It would be a calamity to the BULLETIN were Dr. Gosse not to remain as Chairman of the Editorial Board.

As may be noted the BULLETIN has always the following Sections:—

Articles—Scientific or Miscellaneous, contributed, original, or selected.

Editorial—By members of the Editorial Board.

Department of Health—A valuable aid to the work of the Department.

Hospital Service—which should be greatly increased.

Case Reports—Under direction of Editorial Board.

Branch Societies—Secretaries should be required to furnish all possible material.

Bulletin Library—This is a necessary section owing to the BULLETIN Exchange List and to give the General Secretary opportunity to express his opinions.

Obituary and Correspondence.

Locals and Personals.

Finances —As might be expected, and as has occurred in all other Societies and organizations, the past year has seen a slump in financial receipts. Of course, the BULLETIN has been affected in the same way. During the year the bills rendered for advertising amounted to \$2,294.48.

A statement of the Treasurer will intimate to what extent this failed to meet the cost of publication. A financial statement as to the last quarter and to the coming quarter for your information is incorporated herewith.

Herewith submitted to you statement regarding the financial condition of the Society as regards the publication of the BULLETIN. This must be considered in the light of present financial conditions and the information is only in regard to the receipts from advertising and these have not been checked up with the Treasurer and a statement is made only as to the last quarter of the year, ending June 30th.

Prospective income has been somewhat increased and if suitable co-operation is given by the members of the medical profession in Nova Scotia for the year 1932-33, the BULLETIN can be made to pay its own way and should show a profit.

Advertising for quarter—April, May and June.....	\$447.90
Plus amount of advertising omitted.....	35.30
	\$483.20

It is estimated that for the quarter ending September 30th, 1932, the advertising net will amount to.....	\$565.26
This would make an income from advertising for one month of.....	\$185.09
Cost of BULLETIN 64 pages at \$2.85 per page.....	\$182.40
Cost of cuts, electros, postage, etc.....	
Estimates should call for \$200.00 per month.	

3. Obituary.

Each year the Grim Reaper takes the usual toll from the members of our profession. The record has been kept as accurately as possible and is published from month to month in the BULLETIN. There is one feature, however, in this connection that perhaps has not come to the attention of the members of the society. In the obituary section of the BULLETIN a special effort has been made to make mention of the passing of other members of our profession besides the actual members of the Society and also the passing of friends or relatives of the doctors in Nova Scotia. It has thus happened on more than one occasion that the BULLETIN has had no record of the passing of any member of the Society, but not a single issue of the BULLETIN has been published but what at least had mention of the passing of a member of a doctor's family.

As illustrative of this, the July, 1931 BULLETIN mentions the passing of a son of Dr. and Mrs. E. V. Hogan, of Halifax, and the passing of a son of Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Egan of Sydney; also the passing of the mother of Dr. S. G. McKenzie, then of Westville.

The BULLETIN has recorded during the year deaths of members of our profession in Nova Scotia as follows:—

JAMES NEWMAN FULLER, M.D., Bellevue Hospital Medical College, 1868, Grand Pre, N. S.

Dr. Fuller practised medicine but a few years and was known rather as a valued citizen of his home community than as a physician. He was not a member of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia.

PATRICK MOCKLER KIRWAN, M.D.,C.M., of Dalhousie, 1920, Tor Bay, Newfoundland.

His death occurred suddenly in Saint John. He was born and brought up in Wallace, Cumberland County. He was not a member of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia.

LEONARD MILTON MURRAY, M.D.,C.M., McGill University, 1900, Toronto.

While Dr. Murray had been a resident of Toronto for a considerable period of time he was born and educated in Truro. He graduated from McGill and practised in the City of Halifax until he went overseas, in the C. A. M. C. Following his return he located in Toronto where he died in August, 1931.

DANIEL ALLAN MORRISON, M.D.,C.P.S., Baltimore 1893, Louisburg.

He had been a member of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia and took a considerable interest in the doings of the Cape Breton Medical Society. At his funeral this Society was duly represented.

JAMES ALBERT CURRIE, M.D.,C.M., Dalhousie University 1916, Sydney.

Following his overseas service indifferent health prevented him from identifying himself prominently with the Medical Society activities and at the time of his passing, September 6th, 1931, he was not a member of our Provincial organization.

The November issue of the BULLETIN also contained a reference to the passing of Mrs. May Stafford Morton, wife of Dr. C. S. Morton of Halifax, and the Medical Society endeavored to convey its sympathy by the forwarding of a suitable floral emblem.

The January, 1932 BULLETIN recorded the deaths of the mothers of two doctors to whom we would extend sympathy. On December 26th, 1931 at Reserve, Mrs. Sparrow aged 87 years the mother of Dr. C. J. Sparrow passed away after a life of much service where she resided at Ottawa and at Reserve in her later years. At the same time Mrs. McKay widow of the late Dr. William McKay of Glace Bay and mother of Dr. Daniel S. McKay of Winnipeg, also joined the great majority.

ARTHUR WELLESLEY COGSWELL, M.D.,C.M., Halifax Medical College, 1884, Halifax.

Most members of our profession will think of Dr. Cogswell, as a practising Dentist. We should remember, however, that he was a fully qualified medical practitioner.

The January, 1932 issue of the BULLETIN regrets to note the passing at the Payzant Memorial Hospital, February 15th, 1932, of Mrs. Hines, wife of Dr. Arthur Hines of Cheverie. Mrs. Hines never fully recovered from the

effects of an automobile accident in which she was injured on January 28th. The BULLETIN extended sympathy to Dr. Hines.

WILLIAM HAROP HATTIE, M.D., C.M., McGill University, 1891, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dr. Hattie died December 4th, 1931 at his home in Dartmouth aged 62 years. Having filled many positions from the time of his graduation in connection with health, hospital and medical education matters, at the time of his passing he was Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, one of its Professors and Registrar of the Provincial Board. The first ten pages of the January, 1932 BULLETIN contain tributes to himself and his work which all members of this Society will endorse.

DONALD MACKINTOSH, M.D., Harvard University, 1871, L.R.C.P., Edinburgh, 1873, Honorary Member Medical Society of Nova Scotia, Pugwash, N. S.

Dr. Mackintosh at the time of his death was in his 87th year. He was an ardent attendant upon medical society meetings both local and provincial. On July 5th, 1899 he was elected President of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia and in 1923 he was elected to Honorary Membership in this Society. He has contributed to the BULLETIN, and to the records of the Medical Society, many interesting reminiscences which have been published from time to time during the past ten years.

The April issue of the BULLETIN announced the passing at the early age of 36 years on March 31st of the wife of Dr. F. L. Hill of Parrsboro. The medical profession in Nova Scotia will extend to Dr. Hill sincere sympathy.

The BULLETIN of June, 1932 notes the passing at the advanced age of 86 years of Mrs. George V. McLellan mother of Dr. J. A. McLellan of Sydney. It also notes the passing on April 20th at the age of 67 years of Mrs. Chute, wife of Dr. J. R. Chute of Elderbank, Halifax County.

WILLIAM MacKENZIE McLEOD, M.D., Bellevue Hospital Medical College, 1875, Sydney, N. S., Honorary Member.

The death occurred on June 12th, 1932, at his home in Sydney of Dr. W. McK. McLeod aged 77 years. Until some seven or eight years ago he was very active in the affairs of his profession and those of church and state. He was elected to Honorary Membership in this Society in 1928.

FINLAY MacMILLAN, M.D., C.M., Dalhousie University, 1872; LL.D., Dalhousie University, 1928. Sheet Harbor, N. S., Honorary Member.

Dr. MacMillan at the advanced age of 90 years passed away June 20th, after some months of a gradual physical failing. He had the distinction of being enrolled in the first class of graduates from the Dalhousie Medical College. The Medical Society of Nova Scotia was represented at the funeral by Dr. D. M. Rowlings of Musquodoboit Harbour and a suitable floral emblem was contributed. A full obituary notice will appear in the next issue of the BULLETIN.

4. Meetings—Annual and Branch.

The first business of this Annual Meeting will be to approve the tentative programme which has been arranged in accordance with the instructions given

at your last meeting. It is not thought that the arrangements for any meeting will meet with the approval of all but it must be clearly understood that in recent years the programmes have been approved by the Executive. Neither the business nor anything else was otherwise cut and dried and no medical Hierarchy has been at all in evidence. There is a very evident lapse in our Constitution of specifying who shall be responsible for the annual gathering. It is clearly stated that the Executive Committee "shall arrange the general business for the annual meetings" and the Nominating Committee recommend the appointment of a Committee of Arrangements. It is, therefore, quite plain that the responsibility for the meeting as regards business and scientific programme is entirely in the hands of the Executive. Local arrangements, such as, place of meeting, entertainments, etc., shall be outlined by the local committee.

As far as the General Secretary could tell when it comes to the arrangements of a Post-Graduate Lecture meeting every Branch Society is doing splendid work. It must be reported, however, that reports of these meetings to the General Secretary are few and sometimes far between. The General Secretary should be immediately furnished by the Branch Secretary with a full report of each meeting, both for official reports and for publication in the BULLETIN. It may be pointed out that perhaps some of the Branch Societies have come to depend almost entirely upon C. M. A. Post-Graduate Lectures to furnish material for their regular meetings. It was never the idea of the Canadian Medical Association in undertaking to sponsor such lectures, that they should take the place of local meetings and a programme arranged by local members. Dr. Bazin of Montreal, who is responsible for C. M. A. Lectures in the Eastern portion of Canada, has made it very clear that these meetings are to be held wherever a sufficient number of doctors can be collected together to make said meeting worth while. From the experience gained by the publishing of case reports in the BULLETIN during the past year, it is quite evident that every Branch Society in this Province can furnish a valuable scientific programme for two or more of their local society meetings. It does not appear wise to neglect to call upon local men for contributions to their own society.

Your attention further is directed to a very evident desire on the part of physicians in Colchester and Hants Counties to make some better arrangements for their regular meetings. It is true, of course, that this is a matter for local legislation but the Medical Society of Nova Scotia might be willing to express the opinion that until Branch Constitution and By-Laws had been suitably amended that the Secretaries of these two Societies act in co-operation and see that members of the profession in East Hants Municipality are notified of meetings with the medical men of Colchester County and the men of West Hants Municipality are invited to meet with members of the Valley Medical Society. It is pointed out that branch society membership, although approximately 90 per cent. of our profession, is not in some sections as complete as it should be. It is felt that local secretaries and the General Secretary should co-operate to secure attendance at Branch Society meetings of every doctor resident in the district.

5. Representatives to the Annual Meeting of the Medical Societies of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

As these appointments are being made each year, it would appear desirable that the Society should be responsible for the travelling expenses of these representatives.

The Executive will also confirm the appointments of Doctors MacKenzie, MacLellan and Johnston to the Canadian Medical Association Council.

6. Golf Tournament.

As this form of entertainment has been adopted by practically all Medical Societies in Canada as a feature of their annual meetings, your Secretary would suggest that a Committee be named at each annual meeting to take charge of such tournament arranging for prizes and such other features as are considered necessary. From the present hold that the game seems to have upon some members of the society it will be many years before such committee would cease to function.

7. Reports of Committees.

The Executive should have the Society pass a Resolution requiring the Chairman of Standing or Special Committees, or their official representative of the Society, to submit to the General Secretary a report on or before the 20th of June. Their early presentation will greatly expedite the work of the Secretary and said reports can be passed to a Committee of the Executive for consideration and recommendation to the meeting. In this connection may I state that the following letter was issued from the Secretary's office on May 27th, 1932, allowing twenty-four days for the preparation of the necessary report.

"Please note that you are the Chairman of the Standing Committee (or the representative) of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia (of or to) Will you be good enough to let me have your report not later than June 20th in order that it can be dealt with by the Executive and referred to the Society at its first meeting?"

Reports herewith.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

1. Report of Committee on Narcotic Drugs:—

The total number of convictions in Canada for the year ending September 30th, 1930 was 458 as compared with 567 for the year previous.

The principal sentences imposed during the year ending March 31st, 1931 were—1 for 7 years, 1 for 6 years, 7 for 5 years, 2 for 4 years, 12 for 3 years, 20 for 2 years, and 31 for 1 year or over.

In Nova Scotia during the year 1931 there were seven convictions for Opium smoking, two for possession of pipes, and one for obtaining drugs from more than one Physician. In addition, the Authorities met with a case involving the transportation of Opium from another province. A parcel was delivered to a Post Office Box in Sydney, the ownership of which had changed. When it was opened the parcel was found to contain Opium, and the authorities notified. The parcel was returned to the Post Office, and a watch kept for anyone who might ask for it. After a time, a man asked for it, but became nervous and left the Post Office without accepting it; subsequently, another man came and took it away. Upon being arrested he was able to establish his innocence and to give evidence as to the person who requested him to call for the parcel.

Further evidence was obtained and the guilty person was convicted and sentenced to six months imprisonment, and a fine of \$200.00. The Royal

Canadian Mounted Police were most helpful in securing necessary evidence and convictions.

One drug addict, a returned Soldier, is under treatment in the Nova Scotia Hospital. He was admitted in November 1931, and expects to leave within a few weeks cured.

It is the opinion of the Narcotic Division of the Department of Pensions and National Health that Narcotic Conditions are improving in Cangda.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) D. W. ARCHIBALD
Chairman of Standing Committee on Narcotic Drugs.

2. Advisory Committee to Department of Health:—

Your Advisory Committee appointed to confer with the Provincial Department of Health begs to report as follows:—

On the call of the Honourable Dr. Murphy, Minister of Health your Committee together with the Advisory Committee of the Provincial Association of Health Officers, met at the Province Building, Halifax, on December 10th, 1931, at 10 a. m.

The following members of your Committee were present:—Doctors G. W. T. Farish, Yarmouth; H. K. McDonald, Halifax; F. R. Little, Halifax; K. A. McKenzie, Halifax; G. R. Burns, Halifax; C. L. McIsaac, Antigonish; A. S. Burns, Kentville.

The following agenda was placed before the meeting for discussion:—

1. Present Tuberculosis bed accommodation and expected additions.
2. Desirability of enlarging the Provincial Public Health Nursing Service—
—with plan for same.
3. Consideration of the Cancer problem.
4. Consideration of the V. D. problem.
5. Miscellaneous recommendations.

At the opening of the meeting, Honorable Percy Black, Acting Premier, addressed the committees, approving of their work and congratulating them on their zeal for the Public Health, by coming together to discuss with the Government and formulate plans, for a more effective Public Health Department.

The Honorable Dr. Murphy occupied the chair. Minutes of the preceding meeting were read by Dr. Byrne, Secretary, and regularly adopted.

The Honourable Minister of Health, Dr. Murphy, gave a verbal report on the extent to which the Committees' recommendations at the last meeting, relative to the increased bed accommodation, had been carried out. He reported that already a Tuberculosis Annex of ten beds, well adapted to the purpose, was opened in connection with the Inverness Memorial Hospital at Inverness; that another annex was in the course of construction, in connection with St. Mary's Hospital at Inverness; that an agreement had been signed with the Sydney City Hospital, for an annex which would contain approximately forty beds; that the Board of the Sydney Mines Hospital were negotiating for a thirty bed annex in connection with their Institution; that an eighty bed building was in the course of construction at Kentville, as an addition to the Nova Scotia Sanatorium.

The Minister also stated that the annex project would be carried into the mainland. It is expected during the coming year that an annex of considerable proportions, would be erected at Antigonish and likely another at Yarmouth. This programme when completed would cover the minimum Tuberculosis bed requirements for the Province.

Dr. Farish stated that as soon as the Yarmouth Hospital Board learned the amount of money available, a decision would be given as to the construction of the necessary building. He stated that all were very much interested and anxious to co-operate in this great work.

Dr. J. K. McLeod reported that the new heating plant in connection with the Sydney City Hospital is now about completed and if satisfactory financial arrangements could be made with the local Banks, tenders for the construction of the Tuberculosis Annex, would be opened about December 26th.

Dr. Little asked the cost per bed of the Tuberculosis Annexes. It was explained that the cost varied with the place, the type of building, and local cost of materials. It was stated that twenty-two beds would be secured at Inverness for considerably less than \$1,000 per bed.

Next followed the discussion of the desirability of enlarging the Public Health Nursing Service. The Minister stated that it was his plan to add six Provincial Nurses to the existing service of three, and it was felt that with this number in the field, Towns and Municipalities would see their obligations with respect of employing nurses to serve their constituencies. Dr. McLeod stated that the nursing service such as projected was absolutely essential, especially in connection with Anti-Tuberculosis work, and thought that with the nine in the field, we would be able to do splendid work. General approval of the Minister's plan to employ only mature, well-trained, non-flapper type of nurses, was voiced by the meeting. After this matter had been thoroughly discussed from every angle, it was moved by Dr. McLeod, seconded by Dr. Little, that the plans outlined by the Minister were approved and adopted by this meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

The next consideration was on the Cancer problem. Approval of the Minister's action in opening up the Provincial Laboratory for free tissue examinations to all practicing physicians and hospitals throughout the Province, was given by the meeting. The whole Cancer problem was given a complete airing from all angles. The desirability of more radium, more publicity and more educational work, were looked into.

Drs. McLeod and DeWitt cited instances of laymen attempting to cure Cancer with the so-called Cancer paste.

The Honourable Minister stated that it would be his endeavour to procure more radium and work up to the objective of a Cancer Institute for the Province. He would also endeavour to get free transportation to and from the Institute for necessitous cases.

After all those present at the meeting had given their views on the Cancer menace with plans for action, the following motion was moved by Dr. MacKenzie and seconded by Dr. Bayne—carried unanimously:

Resolved that the Minister of Health select a smaller committee to act with him and advise the Department of Health, as to the best means of dealing with the Cancer problem.

It was pointed out by the Minister that another treatment centre had been opened up in the Town of Liverpool for Venereal Diseases, during the year. That the cost of giving free treatments had been gradually increasing for the

past few years, until it had arrived at the stage where it was found necessary to cut off the fees allowed private physicians for treating necessitous cases, and now drugs only are supplied.

Dr. Little and Dr. MacDonald pointed out that abuses had crept into the operations of the Halifax Clinic, so that now patients whom it was thought were able to pay, have been receiving free treatment. It was also thought by some that too much treatment is being given in some of the clinics, especially with respect to arsenical preparations. Dr. Little pointed out that in the English Clinics, as well as New York clinics, four injections only of Salvarsan are given to a course of treatment. The case then being followed up for a year or two with Mercury. While opinions differ as to what should constitute a standard course of treatment, the majority appear to favour less of the arsenical, and increase in the Mercury.

Dr. Murphy stated that there is shortly to be a new management at the Health Centre, and that under it probable abuses in connection with V. D. Clinic, might be remedied. Dr. Little suggested that as a means of remedying one of the abuses, that all persons be admitted to the Clinic only upon a certificate from their family physician. The educational side of the V. D. problem was then discussed. It was moved by Dr. MacDonald and seconded by Dr. DeWitt, that steps be taken relative to the education of V. D. under the educational system of the Province.

Under miscellaneous recommendations, sanitary condition obtaining in the jails of the Province, was given consideration. The unanimous approval to the Minister's action in the appointing of a Commission to look into prison reform, was given.

The question of supplying Insulin free to necessitous cases, was discussed and it was pointed out that all the Department could do was to furnish this product, as it is doing now, at cost.

Dr. Farish stated that they had at the present time in Yarmouth a case which in many ways simulated Undulant Fever. The diagnosis had not as yet been made, but he just wished to know if cases are occurring in other sections of the province. It was pointed out that for a whole year the Provincial Laboratory had tested all bloods received for other purposes, for Undulant Fever; some positives had been found.

There being no further business, the meeting was regularly adjourned.

(Signed) G. W. T. FARISH.

3. Historical Medicine.

The report from the Historical Committee consists of the following correspondence:—

June 20th, 1932.

Dr. S. L. Walker.

Dear Dr. Walker:—I have persistently attempted to gather the members of the Historical Committee together but so far have failed. As I am getting desperate, I am going to pick an hour this week, at 5 p. m., some day and send you all notices to meet at your office at that hour. I am almost certain Dr. Morrison will not be there as he is in Inverness.

I am leaving the city on Thursday and before that date shall mail you a memorandum of the Minutes of the last meeting of the Provincial Medical Board, including all matters of interest to the Society in general, leaving out only such routine matters as are of no particular interest.

Yours truly,

(Signed) H. L. SCAMMELL, M.D.

June 23rd, 1932.

Dear Dr. Walker:—

Dr. Morrison is out of town. Dr. Murphy advises that a day for a meeting of the Committee on Historical Medicine would be preferred about July 1st. I have to go out of town to-day myself. We shall have a report for the Meeting but I am afraid it won't be on June 20th.

Yours truly,

(Signed) H. L. SCAMMELL, M.D.

July 2nd, 1932.*

Dear Dr. Walker:—

As Chairman of the Committee on Historical Medicine, I beg to report as follows: although numerous attempts were made to secure a meeting of the Committee, it was found impossible to arrange a time suitable to all. A very slight contribution to the Medical History of the province was made in a paper given before the Halifax Medical Society during the winter activities, and a short article on the early records of the Victoria General Hospital, forming part of the contribution of this Hospital to the clinical reports published in the BULLETIN this year.

The theme of much interest to the Society viz.:—the publication of the "Medical History of Nova Scotia" was not considered by this Committee. Before any intimation had reached me that a move was afoot to publish such a history, the meeting, and resulting action of the Executive of this Society rendered any action by the Historical Committee with regard to the feasibility of producing such a work, collecting the material, or editing it, abortive.

In submitting this brief report, while assuring the Society of my co-operation in every possible way to promote the subject of Historical Medicine in the Province, would be greatly obliged if in appointing committees for the coming year, I could be relieved of duties on this committee, as I find myself unable to effectively undertake any additional work of this type at present.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) H. L. SCAMMELL, M.D.

(*This report is inserted here for the express purpose of giving as full information on each subject as is possible. Further reference to the subject will be found in the regular minutes. S. L. W.)

4. Public Health Committee.

Halifax, N. S., June 18th, 1932.

Dr. S. L. Walker,

Dear Dr. Walker:—Your letter of May 27th referring to the Standing Committee of Public Health of the Nova Scotia Medical Society, was regularly received.

There has been no meeting of the Committee during the year and it will be difficult to have one before the Annual Meeting. Since all matters referring to the Public Health are now taken care of by the Advisory Committees, there seems to be little left for this Standing Committee to do. However, I shall make an attempt to get the Committee together on the first day of the Annual Meeting.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) T. IVES BYRNE, M.D.

Deputy Minister,
Department of The Public Health.

5. Victorian Order of Nurses.

The President and Executive,
Nova Scotia Medical Society,
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:—I take pleasure in reporting the activities of the Victorian Order of Nurses in Nova Scotia during the past year.

Work was carried on in fourteen centres during 1931 and one new centre, Liverpool, was opened.

Of eight Scholarships awarded last year, two were to temporary staff nurses from Halifax and Glace Bay and both have done well. One enters the Alexandra Hospital in Montreal to get communicable disease experience, which service is not available during her training in this province. The other nurse was "American" trained and it is interesting to note that this training was included in her course.

Dr. Grant Fleming's survey, which I commented on last year, was a great event and several of his recommendations have already resulted in action.

I would desire to draw to your attention that the Order is giving nursing demonstration at district meetings in Ontario and Quebec; also for senior Medical students at McGill and Alberta Universities.

There has been further development of the plan to put in Institutes on Maternal care. The object is to emphasize the importance of Maternal care, of the co-operation of the nurse with the Medical Profession and to teach some of the essential points more intelligently and uniformly. At these sessions a recognized Obstetrician has been present to answer such questions, of a Medical character, as are submitted to him. A demonstration of such in two centres in Nova Scotia have, I understand, been arranged for the Autumn.

When one considers the maternal death rate in this Province in Obstetrical work one is appalled, and I wish to emphasize, that only one maternal death associated with pregnancy occurred in the Province of Nova Scotia among the patients of the V. O. N.

In view of this, we cannot but come to the conclusion that from many and various standpoints the results are most satisfactory.

I append two sheets of statistics which speak for themselves.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) C. S. MORTON.

VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES FOR CANADA

NOVA SCOTIA, 1931

No. Centres.....	14
No. Nurses.....	37
Total Cases Attended.....	9,347
Total Obstetrical Cases.....	2,110
Prenatal Visits.....	9,051
Obstetrical Visits.....	17,838
Visits to Infants.....	16,831
Child Welfare Visits.....	12,175
Communicable Disease Visits.....	2,381
Instructive Visits (other).....	2,155
Deaths, Maternal.....	2*

Deaths of Infants under one month.....	40
Still Births.....	50
Meetings Addressed.....	93
Clinics Attended.....	897
Total Fees Collected.....	\$29,557.45

*Only one reported. Cannot get information on other if correct.

Infant Death Rate for Nova Scotia (Infants under one month) of cases cared for by Victorian Order of Nurses for 1931.

Number of living births: 2,081.

Number of Deaths: 40.

Cause of Death: 30 Premature, 23 Multipara, 7 Primipara, 1 Pneumonia, 1 Paralysis of organs of respiration, 1 Cyanosed (lungs congested), 2 Hemorrhage, 1 Lung Collapse, 1 Congenital Heart, 1 Breech Presentation, 1 Influenza, 1 Atelectasis.

Number of Cases with 2 months or more p. n. Nursing Supervision: 9.

Victorian Order of Nurses Infant Death Date for Nova Scotia is 19.2 Still Birth rate is 24.02.

6. Provincial Medical Board.

Halifax, N. S., June 23rd, 1932.

Dear Dr. Walker:—

I have been instructed by the President, Dr. J. G. MacDougall, to report to you as follows regarding the last meeting of the Provincial Medical Board:

That this meeting was held on April 29th, 1932. Feature of the meeting was the consideration of the report of the Committee on Legislation. This Committee reported that it had reviewed all the evidence obtained regarding the Health and Life Sanatorium at East Chester and the alleged irregular practice of its proprietor and his wife. They had interviewed the Minister of Health who had also reviewed the evidence and communicated with the Attorney General with a view to securing additional legislation calculated to effectively deal with this case. The Attorney General expressed to the Committee and the Minister of Health his opinion that the present Medical Act was sufficient in itself to protect the public and the Medical profession from all obvious and practical harm. He did not advise any further additions to the Medical Act at present. The Committee then interviewed the Solicitor of the Board, Mr. L. A. Lovett, who advised that on the evidence submitted a prosecution would have doubtful results. He rather strongly advised against proceedings being instituted. The Committee, therefore, on these considerations and the record of their investigations reported that they considered it inadvisable for the Board to take legal action against this party at the present time. Their report was adopted unanimously by the Board.

Routine business, centered largely about examinations and their results, occupied the rest of the meeting.

Yours very truly,

H. L. SCAMMELL, M.D.

7. Editorial Board.*

Mr. President:—

This report is submitted as the report of the *Chairman* of the Board because of certain personal references that should be made. The recommendations herein contained have, however, been discussed and subscribed to by the available active members of the Board.

*This report was not forwarded in advance, was not considered by the Executive, but was presented to the general meeting directly. S. L. W.

While one feels that the BULLETIN has had a successful year in many respects, in the main respect—that of satisfaction to our members—we shall be better able to judge at the completion of the discussion on this report.

One new department—that of case-reports—was inaugurated during the year enlarging the breadth of its appeal to our members very materially.

In this one met some disappointment at first in the help that was forthcoming from our members, but the real cause for that was probably that one was over-sanguine. However, the section has been full each number since it began; the July number has been taken care of by Cape Breton, and the August number will represent the Valley. Others have signified their willingness to help and it is expected that they will supply material as they are asked.

One reports with pleasure the work done by other members of your Board. Dr. Benvie took care of the Pictou County case-reports and made contributions to the editorial pages. Dr. J. K. MacLeod has the present issue as his masterpiece. Both have been always ready to lend their support. But as is natural where one is so close at hand, most of our support has come from Dr. Atlee who as you know, wields a facile pen.

One reports with regret that the remaining member, Dr. S. J. MacLennan, is not in sympathy with our efforts whatsoever, and rendered no assistance during the year.

One acknowledges with pleasure the great amount of work done by our General Secretary. One experiences extreme regret however, that this cannot be treated, like similar official statements of the past—i.e., stated and left at that. One's duty to one's office impels one to express regret that he cannot—at least he does not—manifest a more co-operative spirit which would make for more amicable relations. Perhaps again one is in error in expressing this, since it may be the intention of this Society to have the General Secretary, Business Manager of the BULLETIN and to have all other offices subservient to that. If this is so—if that is this Society's wish—one is obliged to express the opinion that no Editorial Board will be found to accept the dictatorship which in the circumstances such a relationship would mean.

Your Chairman feels that at the close of his year he is unable to take on again the duties that pertain to that office. He therefore tenders his resignation from that position to take effect at once.

Your Board feels that certain experiences and information acquired during the year impose upon them the duty of making certain recommendations which would make for the greater continuity of its editorial staff, and the greater security of the journal. This they beg to do as follows:—

1. That only those members be retained upon the Editorial Board who will take an active part in its work.

2. That the Chairman of the Board be also Editor-in-Chief of the BULLETIN.

3. That the General Secretary be also Secretary to the Editorial Board, and that his official connection with the BULLETIN be so designated.

4. That, in the belief that the BULLETIN can better serve our profession, full consideration be given to our financial position, so that our Editorial Board for the coming year may have guidance as to how far they may commit us in the direction of BULLETIN improvement.

5. That the Editor-in-chief be ex-officio a member of the Executive of the Nova Scotia Medical Society.

6. That in view of this Society's interest in and commitments to the Cogswell Library which is available to the whole profession there is no point whatsoever to our attempting to build up "a Bulletin Library" of Medical Books which are available to nobody. It is therefore recommended that the Editorial Board be empowered to look into the matter and that books now on hand and books that might at other times become available be deposited in the Cogswell Library as from this Society, and subject to the rules and regulations which obtain there.

We subscribe to the above recommendations.

H. B. ATLEE,
R. M. BNVIE,
N. H. GOSSE,

Chairman of Editorial Board.

8. Health Publicity Committee.

To the Executive of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia:—

At the last meeting of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia your Committee was unable to report any activities. The same may be said of the year just ended. It is very obvious that health publicity can only be carried out by active and close co-operation by the Committee with the Department of Health especially as regards the information that must be passed to the public, whether by radio, the press, or from the platform. As this has not been possible during the past year your Committee would recommend that no similar Committee be appointed for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. WALKER, M.D., Chairman.

9. Report on the Nova Scotia Tuberculosis Commission.

To the members of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia.

Ladies and Gentlemen:—

Again it is my privilege to report on the work of the Nova Scotia Tuberculosis Commission.

Last year I pointed out that the five year demonstration of the Maritime Tuberculosis Educational Committee had terminated, and the grants of the Provincial Government and the Canadian Tuberculosis Association had ceased. Two of the original aims of the Commission have been achieved by the action of the Department of Health in first, providing adequate bed accommodation for the sick, and second, an adequate field force in the newly inaugurated medical and nursing service. It is most gratifying that the Department has now three full time medical examiners and twelve nurses.

It is felt by members of the Commission and by the Department of Health that there is still a useful field for an independent body to carry on certain special features of tuberculosis control provided funds can be found. These special features are:—

1. Supervision of Seal Sale. In six years over \$60,000 has been collected by this means and applied in various ways.

2. Solicitation of funds for the treatment of needy tuberculosis patients. This is an urgent need at the present time.

3. To urge towns and municipalities to take on the full responsibility for treatment of the poor.

4. To improve public sentiment towards the Government and other bodies by means of publicity in the press and lectures in different parts of the Province.

The Commission is now considering ways and means of carrying on this important work, which is outside the province of any Government.

During the past year the Commissioner, Col. Hayes, has been active along the lines followed in previous years, and some definite results have been attained. In addition to the forward steps of Government, Municipal aid to needy patients has increased, summer camps have increased and public interest in tuberculosis control has been stimulated in a satisfactory manner.

As illustrating progress made in the past three years the following figures are of interest:—

	1929	1930	1931
Towns.....	\$ 1,646.54	\$ 2,292.93	\$ 3,143.43
Municipalities.....	4,188.97	5,560.28	13,622.55
Anti-Tuberculosis Organizations.....	4,776.09	6,202.08	5,733.89
	<u>\$10,611.60</u>	<u>\$14,155.29</u>	<u>\$22,499.87</u>
Total for the 3 past years to The Nova Scotia Sanatorium...			47,255.76

There is still much to be done and it is sincerely hoped that ways and means may be found to do it.

Respectfully submitted,

K. A. MACKENZIE,

Representative of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia.

10. Council C. M. A.

To confirm appointments of Doctors Mackenzie, Johnston and MacLellan as alternates. (Of this the Executive at once expressed its approval).

11. Cogswell Library.

To the President,
Medical Society of Nova Scotia.

The Cogswell Library Committee beg to submit the following report for the year 1931-32.

Two meetings of the joint Committee (representatives of the University and of the Society) have been held during the year, viz.—on July 28th, 1931 and on November 26th, 1932. Selected parts of the proceedings which are of special interest to the Society are herewith submitted.

Appropriation for 1931-32.

Binding.....	\$ 400
Books.....	400
Journal Subscriptions.....	1,500
Back files.....	300
Reels.....	100
Incidentals.....	100
	<u>\$2,800</u>

Dr. Hattie was appointed to search the will of the late Dr. Cogswell and the documents of the legal case subsequent to it in order to determine the

exact relationship of the income from the Cogswell Fund to the expenditures of the Medical Library. The wording pertaining to this matter was to be filed in the minutes. Dr. Hattie was further instructed to prepare a set of regulations governing the borrowing of books by practitioners outside of the City of Halifax.

Dr. Hattie's memorandum re the Cogswell Fund, and the regulations for the borrowing of books by registered medical practitioners of the province, both of which were adopted at a subsequent meeting, are appended to this report.

At the meeting of November 26th, 1931, it was resolved that a balance of accumulated interest from the Cogswell bequest be requested from the Treasurer of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. CORSTON,
Chairman of Committee

1. Clause of Dr. Cogswell's Will, (dated May 15th, 1890).

"To the Medical Society of Nova Scotia twenty-five pounds towards the expense of preparing and printing a catalogue of the Library then attached to the Halifax Medical College, and if the said Catalogue shall have been completed and printed to the satisfaction of, and a copy thereof presented to my trustee or trustees within a year from my decease, then I give to the said Medical Society the further sum of one thousand pounds to be invested by them in British or Colonial Government inscribed stock or securities and I declare the interest dividends and annual income thereof shall be applied at their absolute discretion partly towards the salary of a Librarian to the said Society and partly to such other purposes for the benefit of the said Library as the said Society shall see fit, and the receipt of the Treasurer of the said Society shall be a sufficient discharge to my trustee or trustees for the said legacies of twenty-five pounds and one thousand pounds—and I strongly recommend that it be made a rule that no book shall be allowed to be taken out of the Library without the special written permission of the Trustees of the said Medical Society or other persons connected with the management of the said Library."

2. Medical Society of Nova Scotia qualified for bequest.

3. Medical Society of Nova Scotia corporated with Halifax Medical College, and, aided by contributions from local Medical Society (then the Halifax and Nova Scotia Branch of the British Medical Association) and Hon. Dr. Parker, fitted room for library in building of Halifax Visiting Dispensary Brunswick St.

4. In 1896 library was removed to Halifax Medical College.

5. In 1902, catalogue was prepared by J. Ross Millar.

6. Friendly suit, for ruling of Court relative to interpretation on intent of Will, in 1915. Plaintiff: the Medical Society of Nova Scotia. Defendants: the Governors of Dalhousie University.

Mr. Justice Ritchie gave judgment in effect as follows:

(a) Governors of University are owners of library.

(b) Medical Society of Nova Scotia are trustees of Cogswell Bequest and are authorized to expend income of fund toward upkeep of library and otherwise for the benefit of library "as the said Society shall see fit."

(c) Library "to be open freely to the Medical profession of the province of Nova Scotia and that all duly registered medical practitioners of

the said province may make use thereof, as well as to the students of the University of Dalhousie College."

- (d) Provision that should any dispute or difference arise between Plaintiffs and Defendants re administration of fund or income therefrom, "or as to the use of said library by registered medical practitioners of the province, application may be made, by either of the said parties to a judge for directions and for such purposes liberty to either party to apply is hereby reserved."
- (e) Costs of both parties to be paid by Plaintiffs out of income from fund. (Dated Aug. 11th, 1915).
7. A seemingly full income was not expended in every year.

8. July 1st, 1912, the Cogswell Library Committee recommended to the Medical Society of Nova Scotia that the work of the library had been practically suspended owing to absorption of Halifax Medical College by Dalhousie University, and suggested that the library be closed and that no more books be purchased until it is reopened." Funds under control of the Committee at that date were as follows:

Memorandum re Cogswell Library Fund:

Prov. of New Brunswick Debentures due 1935.....	\$4,867.67
Portion of original bequest (not invested).....	198.99
Unexpended interest.....	864.82
Cash to credit with H. K. Lewis, London, £0.15.4.	

MEDICAL LIBRARY REGULATIONS.

Regulations governing the Borrowing of Books from the Medical Library of Dalhousie University by registered Medical Practitioners of the Province.

1. Any book in the general section of the Library may be borrowed for a period of two weeks. This is conditional on the payment of postage by the borrower if resident outside of the city of Halifax and on the borrower assuming financial responsibility in case of loss.
2. Any book in the reserved section of the Library may be borrowed for a period of two days only during the session of the Medical School, September 9th to May 12th, by practitioners resident in the city of Halifax. Books in this section may however, be taken out for the regular period of two weeks between May 12th and Sept. 9th by all borrowers.
3. The current number of a journal shall be kept in the reading room and shall not be issuable by the Librarian. All other numbers or volumes of journals may be borrowed for a period of one week under the conditions of Section 1.

12. Workmen's Compensation Committee.

To the President,
Medical Society of Nova Scotia.

The Committee on relations with the Workmen's Compensation Board beg to submit the following report for the year 1931-32.

The Compensation Board has discussed with your Committee, from time to time, questions which have arisen between the Board and the practitioners of the province, and has exhibited in the opinion of your Committee, a general attitude of fairness in these discussions.

On June 13th, 1932, we were formally notified by the Workmen's Compensation Board of an amendment to the Act reading as follows:—

"The Board shall not pay any account rendered against it for medical aid in respect of any injury happening after the passing of the Act unless application for payment of such medical aid is made within one year after the commencement of the disability."

We were further informed that the Act containing this amendment was passed by the Legislature on April 18th, 1932.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. CORSTON,
Chairman of Committee.

13. Representative to Board of Management Nova Scotia Society for Cripple Children.

Your Committee begs leave to report that the only activities being carried on in this Province for the relief of Cripple Children are by the Junior Red Cross branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society and by the Cripple Childrens' Societies.

The President of the latter Society writes:—"that owing to the financial conditions throughout the Province it was thought wise not to press our membership campaign. Second, we had been assisting in the prosecution of the carrying out of a number of Clinics during the period, and discovering, bringing relief to some crippled children.

We are in a quiet way just keeping our hands on things and when conditions seem more favorable we will again take up the matter of membership."

It is the hope of your Committee that more progress will be made in the near future for the relief of these unfortunate children.

It is urged by your Committee that the local medical men make use of and give their best support to the Red Cross Clinics when held in their vicinity.

L. R. MORSE, Chairman.

14. Correspondence.

The Hospital Association of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island have written the Society as follows:—

"At the annual meeting of the Hospital Association of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, held June 15th and 16th last the following Resolution was passed:—

"That, because of the many hospital problems which concern the medical staffs of our local hospitals, the Hospital Association of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, would ask that the medical staff of each local hospital be invited to appoint a representative to attend the annual meeting of the Hospital Association, and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia."

We would be grateful to you if you would bring this resolution to the attention of the members of the Nova Scotia Medical Society at their next annual meeting.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) ANNA SLATTERY,
Secretary-Treasurer.

It will be necessary for the Executive to consider in what manner this very desirable matter may be accomplished.

A letter from the Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Company, Limited, as follows:—

"With reference to our conversation of this date and my letter of the 25th inst., may I request that you be kind enough to bring the matter of bold type listings and extra lines before the executive of your society at the annual meeting at Kentville next month.

As pointed out in my previous letter, this is not advertising in any sense. It is suggested as a service that the medical profession can offer the public who reside in the cities and towns

of our Province, and also the people who come here as visitors. It is rather a difficult proposition for a stranger or visitor to know to whom to apply when in need of surgical or medical relief, and it is quite possible that serious delay may be caused by this uncertainty.

In the Halifax-Dartmouth Directory, (which includes the City and suburbs), and in the Cape Breton Directory, (which covers the entire Island of Cape Breton), we have a Classified Telephone Directory,—the yellow pages at the back of the book. The Western Directory serving the Valley and the South Shore, and the North Eastern Directory serving such towns as New Glasgow, Antigonish, Amherst, Truro, etc., do not contain a Classified section.

The Classified Directory is primarily a Directory of business service subscribers grouped by kinds of business, services rendered, or professions. Doctors are listed under the main heading of "Physicians and Surgeons". If you will refer to the Halifax Classified Directory, you will find the names of all the Halifax and Dartmouth doctors listed in alphabetical order, but in no case is there anything to indicate the specialization of the physicians or surgeons, or to specify office hours. In the Alphabetical sections (white pages) of the Directory, the doctors are listed in alphabetical order, but in every case the listing is in small type.

As previously suggested, what is needed as a service to the public is proper Directory information in the form of extra lines, bold face listings or alternate lines, and we would appreciate it very much if your executive committee and the meeting generally would seriously consider this matter and give it their approval, so that the doctors may feel free to offer this service to the public knowing that it has the approval of the Medical Society. The cost of extra lines or bold type listings is 25c per month. We are attaching for your information samples of the services we recommend."

(Signed) A. M. MACKAY,
General Commercial Superintendent.

Letter from J. Bion Bogart:—

"I trust you will pardon my delay in replying to your very kind favor of the 13th inst., intimating your willingness to afford me an opportunity of adding my name to the list of speakers at the forthcoming meeting at Kentville. The delay has been due to various uncertainties concerning my plans, which even now have not been entirely resolved, although I think I can safely say that I expect to attend at least the scientific session on Tuesday afternoon, July 5th, when most of the papers in which I am especially interested will be read. If, therefore, there should be any change in the programme which would allocate the reading of those papers differently, I would appreciate your letting me know in time to alter my plans accordingly.

As it is not my present intention to take any part in the proceedings, unless something said by previous speakers should stimulate an overweening desire to discuss it, I wish to relieve you of any formal plan you may have had in mind in reference to my appearance.

In the meantime, please accept my thanks for the May and June copies of the BULLETIN you so kindly sent me as well as for your courtesy in offering me a place on the programme."

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) J. BION BOGART.

Letter from Halifax City Assessor as follows:—

"Notice No. 5560 received by us enclosed on advice of Council that this office is not a place of business.

We do not claim that you are occupying for the purpose of gain, but nevertheless you are occupying, and as such are liable for tax either for occupation or under the special tax of one-half of one percent. of the value of the premises you are occupying. We have assessed you on the latter, that is, one-half of one percent."

Yours truly,

(Signed) P. J. MCMANUS,
City Assessor.

Letter from Parke-Davis & Company, as follows:—

"I have your letter of the 16th instant relating to our Mr. W. M. Clinger aiding you at the Annual Meeting of your Medical Society in Kentville on July 5th and 6th.

We shall be glad indeed to arrange for him to be present at that time. He will probably call upon you shortly with a view to discussing ways and means by which he can be of service.

Appreciating very much your confidence in addressing me as you have, and with kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) F. A. MILLARD, M.D.

15. Post-Graduate Lectures.

These lectures are received very cordially and the service is considerable and appreciation should be expressed. As these, lecturers are paid their expenses and a small honorarium, from funds furnished by the Canadian Medical Association, through the Sun Life, it is quite an expense to bring speakers from Ontario. The method adopted after consultation with the C. M. A., has been to make the tours in two divisions, East and West, with an outside speaker and a Dalhousie speaker travelling together. Some eight or nine meetings are thus held twice yearly.

Some changes were made in the last tour of which the Executive should be advised. At a meeting held in Digby, doctors were present from Weymouth, Digby, Sandy Cove, Barton, Bear River, Freeport and Annapolis. At a meeting held the following evening at Kentville, doctors from Windsor and the Municipality of West Hants were invited to attend. It resulted in an increased attendance. The idea in the minds of those who arrange these tours, Dr. Bazin and others, is that meetings shall be held in centres where the most doctors can be reached, irrespective of local societies. In the case of the doctors from Hants West to Digby Municipality this division could be made.

16. Attendance on Sick Mariners.

No progress has been made.

17. Miscellaneous Matters.

- (a) Maternal Mortality and Health Publicity, C. M. A. Report of Council.
- (b) *The Provincial Journal* to endorse republication in the August BULLETIN, as an exhibit in the proposed Medical History of Nova Scotia.
- (c) Some men who *refuse* to join the Society. This list is small but is supplemented by those who *neglect* to join.

Many more matters might be presented and doubtless several will be forthcoming, but as this constitutes a very full programme for consideration, it is herewith submitted.

Respectfully,

S. L. WALKER, Secretary.

The following action was taken by the Executive.

1. That the Society be requested to make provision in its Constitution that Associate Members of Branch Societies are eligible for Provincial membership upon payment of the Annual Fee, a report on the matter to be presented by Drs. Morrison, R. P. Smith and A. S. Burns. Approved.

That Initial Membership drafts be made not later than February first and that drafts be not made upon those who decline to become members. Approved.

The Executive would nominate to Honorary Membership in the Society Doctors N. H. McDonald of Whycomagh and Dr. E. J. Johnstone of Sydney. Nomination to be referred to the Society.

Moved by Dr. J. C. Morrison. Seconded by Dr. D. McNeil and passed.

2. That the Report of the Secretary on the BULLETIN be referred in general to the Society, but that the General Secretary be instructed to write Branch Secretaries to solicit their entire membership in an effort to secure more local advertising for the BULLETIN.

3. The Executive having considered the Obituary statement presented by the Secretary resolved that the same be adopted and the President request the members of the Society to stand while it is read at the regular session. Approved.

4. The Executive expressed full approval of all meetings in which the Provincial Society through the C. M. A., Post-Graduate Lectures, as well as by local effort, had any part, and further expressed the opinion that the members of the Society in general greatly appreciated these meetings. The Secretary was instructed to continue the proposed programme of post-graduate lectures in co-operation with the C. M. A. and to advise the C. M. A., of our full appreciation of the service.

As for all practical purposes the Annual Meetings are in the hands of the Executive and the local committee, the Executive is of the opinion that the scientific part of the programme be arranged by the Executive and necessary and desirable portions of the accommodation and entertainment programme be in the hands of the Local Branch Society where said meeting is being held. To be referred to the general meeting. Approved.

5. The Executive confirmed the nominations of the President of Drs. C. W. Halland A. R. Cunningham as representatives to the Annual Meetings in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick respectively. This approval carries with it a suggestion to the Nominating Committee to name these representatives. Actual travelling expenses would be a logical charge against the Society. Approved.

(See Report Nominating Committee).

6. That the incoming President and Executive make suitable arrangements for the Golf Tournament at the next meeting. Approved.

7. That the Reports from Standing Committees and others be referred to a special Committee of the Executive of which Dr. R. P. Smith will be chairman and report to the general meeting. Approved.

8. With regard to certain correspondence the Executive agreed as follows:

That the Secretary be instructed to advise the Hospital Association of Nova Scotia that a circular letter will be sent to the Chairman of the Medical Staff of each hospital stating, that, in the opinion of the Executive of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia, a representation of the Medical Staff should attend every annual meeting of said Hospital Association. Further *resolved* that the Hospital Association Secretary furnish the Secretary of this Society with a list to whom this letter shall be sent.

A very extended consideration was given the letter from the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company. It was felt that this was not a matter open to general discussion, but a matter for each physician to settle for himself.

Nor would it be good policy for the Society or its Executive to officially approve and endorse the letter from the Company. The Secretary was instructed to advise the Company to this effect and to suggest that the BULLETIN be used to present the suggestions of the Company as to a better service for the physicians of Nova Scotia.

Resolved that the Secretary make suitable replies to communications that did not call for certain definite action.

The hour being 11.30 p. m. the Executive adjourned with the understanding that their report, and matters not dealt with, would be considered as a regular order of business the next day in regular session.

S. L. WALKER, Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE 79TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA

Kentville, N. S., The Cornwallis Inn, July 5th, 1932.

The 79th Annual Meeting of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia met at "The Cornwallis Inn," Kentville on July 5th, 1932 at 10.00 a. m.

The President, Dr. W. R. Dunbar of Truro, being in the chair.

The meeting being called to order when the Secretary proceeded to read the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting it was moved, seconded and passed that the Minutes as reported in the BULLETIN, as per pages 613 to 625, Sept., 1931, accepted as read and be approved as the minutes of the last meeting.

By unanimous consent the following recommendations from the Executive Committee were adopted.

1. That the order of business of the Society be suspended in order that the President should name Committee's as follows:—

- (a) Nominating Committee.
- (b) Auditors.
- (c) Committee on Presidential Address.
- (d) Committee on Acts of Courtesy.

and that the next order of business be the further consideration of the report of the Executive.

The President then named these Committee's as follows:—

Nominating Committee: Dr. J. R. Corston, Halifax; Dr. J. J. Roy, Sydney; Dr. W. H. Cochran, Mahone Bay; Dr. A. S. Burns, Kentville; Dr. T. A. Lebbetter, Yarmouth.

Auditors: Dr. J. C. Morrison, New Waterford; Dr. L. R. Morse, Lawrencetown; Dr. R. P. Smith, Halifax.

The Presidential Address: Dr. H. E. Kelley, Bridgetown; Dr. Freeman O'Neil, Sydney; Dr. W. L. Muir, Halifax.

Committee on Acts of Courtesy: Dr. Dan Murray, Tatamagouche; Dr. T. R. Johnston, Great Village; Dr. Eric McDonald, Reserve.

The Executive Committee's report was further considered as follows:—

Membership: The Executive reported regarding the eligibility of certain doctors for membership in the Medical Society of Nova Scotia who were not

registered in the Province by the Provincial Medical Board but were associate members of local societies.

A further general discussion followed in which it was recommended that the Society should adopt an annual registration fee rather than to demand a lump sum at time of registration.

The subject matter having been referred by the Executive to Doctors R. P. Smith, J. C. Morrison and A. S. Burns it was moved and seconded by Doctors Gosse and Murray that the matter be referred back to the Committee for further consideration and subsequent report.

The Executive further reported the recommendation that the General Secretary make initial drafts for society membership not later than February 1st of each year. Adopted.

The Executive reported regarding Honorary members and recommended to the society the election of Dr. E. J. Johnston of Sydney and Dr. H. N. Macdonald of Whycomagh to honorary membership in the Society. On motion of Dr. J. J. Roy, seconded by Dr. Dan McNeil, this recommendation was adopted and the Secretary instructed to advise these doctors that they had been elected to this membership.

A somewhat extended report of the financial standing of the BULLETIN was considered at considerable length when it was decided by motion that the further consideration on the publication of the BULLETIN be deferred until the presentation of the report by the Auditors of the Treasurers' statement. This motion was moved by Dr. H. K. McDonald and seconded by Dr. M. R. Elliott.

Obituaries: The Executive having considered the obituary statement of the Secretary, suggested that the members of the Medical Society stand while this report is being read. The motion for this was adopted. The Secretary was instructed to record that the Society endorses the sentiment of regret expressed in individual cases and approve of the standing of the members while this report is being read. Motion carried.

Mayor Lyons having entered the room was introduced by Dr. McGrath to the President and by him introduced to the Medical Society. He extended to the Society a hearty welcome to the Town of Kentville and expressed himself as greatly appreciative of the good work accomplished by the medical profession in connection particularly with the health work of the community. He referred to the increase in the life span of some twenty years within an almost similar length of time. He mentioned that this increase was brought about very largely by the prevention of deaths in infancy. He further pointed out that in the death rate of 2,943 doctors 1834 of them died of cardio-vascular diseases. This he concluded was largely due to our present way of living and suggested that we emulate the passivity and quietude of the Chinese not allowing present conditions to disturb our mental equilibrium. This rather wise suggestion raised a question in the minds of those present as to whether he should be a lawyer or a doctor, there being so much of fact in his conclusions. He suggested that high blood pressure might be relieved by this less complicated form of living. In reply the President expressed the appreciation of the Society for the kind words of welcome and complimented the Town of Kentville upon its very extensive and excellent high pressure water supply. Incidentally, a member of the Society suggested that since the introduction of Provincial liquor stores, this condition had greatly developed.

The Executive called the attention of the Society to the fact that arrangements for the Annual Meeting were by Constitution arranged by the President, Executive and representative local doctors in the place where such meeting was to be held. Considerable discussion ensued upon the part that should be played by those responsible for this meeting. The suggestion being made that the local branch of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia in which district the meeting was to be held should constitute that portion of the Committee of Arrangements which had to do largely with entertainment. The President instructed that to make this effective it would involve a change in the Constitution and that the member proposing the same should do it in that manner. (At this session no further action was taken in this matter).

The Executive had referred the Reports of Standing Committees to a special Committee. On motion the further consideration of these reports was deferred until they had been considered by that Committee, which would be presented to the General Meeting.

It being now 12 o'clock noon, the President delivered his Annual Address as follows:—

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Dr. W. R. DUNBAR, Truro, N. S.

Mr. Chairman, and Gentlemen:—

My address to you will have at least one quality to commend it, viz., that it will be brief.

I have endeavoured to make my remarks as concise as possible and to avoid repetition, other than to make reference to some of the important matters so capably expressed by my predecessor at the meeting of last year.

First, it behoves me to thank you for the honour bestowed upon me last July when you elected me President of this Society.

It is, as many who have preceded me know, an office of not unmixed pleasure and satisfaction, especially, as like a great many important offices, in which, by the time one obtains a proper grasp of the duties pertaining thereto, he is relegated to official oblivion.

May I state here, that during the latter three months of my term of office, more matters deserving and calling for particular attention, relative to the internal economy of the society, have been brought to my notice than during the previous nine months. As in societies of all kinds, there is a certain amount of dissatisfaction with conditions, principally relating to the general management.

These criticisms have, generally been directed at our general secretary to whom is left the burden and responsibility of finding a satisfactory solution and consummation of our problems if he, being constituted of human clay and gray matter, should develop a Mussolini complex, we cannot wholly excuse ourselves from blame; we must give to him due credit for the great amount of good work done in previous years, as General Secretary, and as Editor of the BULLETIN, which has grown into an official organ worthy of this society. I am inclined to place the blame to a large extent upon each and every member of this society, and particularly upon you who have been named on Committees, and who have relegated your responsibilities to the good-natured tolerance of the General Secretary. Now I am not claiming that he is altogether free from blame, but I do insist, that, had each and all of us done his reasonable duty, our General Secretary would not be open to the

criticism he now is; Gentlemen do we make the General Secretary the scape-goat for our dereliction, or shall we accept our responsibility and work in unanimity for a larger and better organization.

Our official organ, the BULLETIN, I am pleased to note, has shown marked improvement during the past year, which may be accounted for, by the infusion of new blood instilled into the Editorial Board last July. My hope and desire is that the personnel of the Board will continue to function.

It is to be noted that the Honourable Minister of Public Health has been diligent in his endeavours to make good his promises of last year, and, I say it with respect, has justified the Department, of which he is the Honourable incumbent.

In the matter of care and prevention of tuberculosis the following is to the credit of his department; a ten bed annex has been completed at the Inverness Memorial Hospital, and a twelve bed annex was opened last May at St. Mary's Hospital, Inverness; a forty-four bed annex is in course of construction at Sydney in connection with the City Hospital, and a fifty bed annex has been commenced at St. Martha's Hospital, Antigonish.

There is also the eighty-four bed Infirmary at Kentville Sanatorium. Eight qualified nurses have been placed in the field to do school and home work, and help in the control of communicable diseases. An additional tuberculosis clinician has been appointed to work in the western division of the province.

Last Fall the Department of Public Health arranged for the Public Health Laboratory to make free examination of tissue specimens sent in; it being hoped, that in this way an earlier diagnosis, and consequent earlier treatment of disease, especially of cancer would be afforded to the province.

The establishment of the School at Truro for the care and training of children of subnormal mentality is another example of the good work done by the Department of Public Health, and calls forth our sincerest approbation, and is in conformity with the divine injunction, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto Me."

Approval of the good work done by the Department of Public Health is hereby expressed; and I would add, that what has been accomplished is excellent for a beginning, and I hope and trust, that during the coming year the good work will be extended until the entire province is served in an equally good manner.

The irregulars still flourish amongst us and are just as freely patronized by the same class of silly people of both sexes; who not only permit themselves to be hood-winked, but blatantly and insidiously declare the praises of their favourites to all and sundry who will listen to them. I believe a showdown regarding the legal status of these irregulars, notwithstanding the several aspects of such action, would eventually prove beneficial.

The subject of contraception, which, last year occupied our attention, has practically gone the way of most unnatural and radical innovations. May it rest in oblivion.

The matter of State Medicine, or as it applies to our province, Rural Medical Service, which was so well presented to us in the President's Address last year is still a live question and should receive our most thoughtful and earnest consideration.

The time is fast approaching, yes is now at hand, when we shall be obliged as a society to make known the urgent necessity of the same to our governing

body, and urge upon it the exigency of the needs of rural districts for medical and surgical service which is now very difficult to obtain.

Again we are indebted to the Canadian Medical Association for the capable and congenial lecturers of the past year. Besides refreshing our minds, they create a contact of good feeling between the members of the profession in the Maritimes and those of the Upper Provinces. We are always pleased to welcome them.

During the year some of our members have travelled to "that country from whose bourne no traveller returns." Without showing lack of regard for those not mentioned, may I refer to him, whom, as a society we knew best, W. H. Hattie. His passing was a great loss to the medical profession of this province. May his life and character inspire us to be as true and faithful to what we know to be right, as he was.

I should be remiss were I to omit mention of Finlay MacMillan who, as far as I can learn was the oldest member of our profession in the province, and as such merited our highest esteem and respect; is it not pathetic that one who, so long had borne the burden and heat of the day, should have passed away comparatively unnoticed, as far as this body was concerned. Personally, I was in Prince Edward Island at the time, otherwise I would have made the attempt to have attended his funeral.

Now gentlemen my remarks have been somewhat different from the usual form of address by the President, and my only reason for so uttering them, is as I have already stated; if dissatisfaction and dissension arise in our society, the sooner we relieve and remove this condition the better for our society.

Again, I thank you.

The amended Constitution of the Halifax Branch as approved by the Executive was on motion approved by the Medical Society. After suitable explanations were given Dr. W. L. Muir reported regarding the donor of a prize for 4th year in Medicine students as provided by the late Dr. W. H. Hattie. This year the prize was arranged for by Doctors McDonald (H. K.), MacKenzie (K. A.) and Muir. It was felt that this should not be dropped, but should be perpetuated as an annual prize to be known as the Hattie Prize. It was on motion *resolved* that Doctors MacKenzie and Smith prepare a Resolution in this matter.

Dr. A. F. Miller made announcements regarding the Refresher Course to be carried on at the Sanatorium upon the conclusion of this Annual Meeting.

Dr. McGrath for the Local Committee made announcements as to entertainment. On motion, the session adjourned until 2.30 p. m.

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The meeting was again called to order at 2.30 p. m., the President in the chair. The following papers were then presented.

"Prognosis in Circulatory Disorders," Dr. R. D. Rudolf,
Prof. of Therapeutics, University of Toronto.
Discussion opened by Dr. C. W. Holland.

"Cancer of the Colon and Rectum", Dr. Frank Lahey,
Lahey Clinic, Boston.
Discussion opened by Dr. E. V. Hogan.

"Severe Abdominal Injuries." Their Recognition and Treatment", Dr. J. W. Ross, Senior Demonstrator in Surgery and Clinical Surgery, University of Toronto. Discussion opened by Dr. W. Alan Curry.

It is expected that these addresses may be obtained for publication in the BULLETIN at a later date. The discussion following each paper was very general and in particular the many personal friends of Dr. Lahey expressed their very great pleasure in his illuminating address. Individual members expressed very definitely their cordial appreciation of all the papers presented and acknowledged the obligation the Society was under to men who would give of their time and effort for the benefit of the profession in this province.

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The meeting was again called to order at 7.30 p. m., the President in the chair and the following papers were given:—

"The Treatment of Fractures of the Long Bones," Dr. G. E. Haggart, Chief of Bone and Joint Service, Lahey Clinic, Boston. Discussion opened by Dr. J. J. Roy.

"The Use and Abuse of Digitalis," Dr. H. E. Britton, Moncton, Delegate from Medical Society of New Brunswick. Discussion opened by Dr. M. R. Elliott.

"Some Common Disorders of Infancy," Dr. F. W. Tidmarsh, Charlottetown. Delegate from P. E. I. Medical Society. Discussion opened by Dr. J. G. D. Campbell.

What has been noted regarding the papers of the afternoon also applies to those given in the evening session. Doctors Britton and Tidmarsh representing the New Brunswick Medical Association and the Prince Edward Island Society respectively were very cordially received and the Secretary was instructed to advise the two Secretaries of the satisfaction with which their representatives were received by the members of the Society.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

WEDNESDAY—JULY 6TH, 1932.

President in the chair. Meeting called to order at 9.30 a. m.

Moved by Dr. Gosse seconded by Dr. Atlee, that the Auditors for this year be requested to audit the books of the coming year and report on same at next annual meeting and the books of the Society be made available to them in sufficient time to examine into expenditures and authority for same before the annual meeting. Passed. Motion to adopt the Report carried.

In accordance with instructions from the Society Doctors K. A. MacKenzie and R. P. Smith presented the following report which was on motion, adopted.

Moved that the Treasurer of this Society be authorized to expend from the funds of this Society the sum of \$25.00 (Twenty-five Dollars) for the purpose of donating a prize in memory of the late Dr. Hattie for the year 1933 pending the action of the Executive Committee of this Society. Carried.

The Committee on the Presidential Address reported that the same be published in the Minutes of the Society. Motion to approve carried.

It was moved by Dr. Atlee seconded by Dr. D. J. MacKenzie, that the first morning and afternoon sessions of the Annual Meeting be given up entirely to business. Motion carried.

The Report of the Executive re the BULLETIN was on motion adopted (See pages 585).

On motion it was *resolved* that the Editor-in-Chief of the BULLETIN be Ex-officio a member of the Executive.

Resolved that the Committee on the Golf Tournament be named by the Local Committee on Arrangements for the Annual Meeting and that said Committee make all arrangements for the competitions, also for prizes, otherwise than the one yet in competition.

Upon the presentation from a Committee of the Executive of the Report from the Tuberculosis Committee, Doctors Hayes and P. S. Campbell spoke when this report was on motion adopted. (See Page 578).

Upon motion of Dr. R. P. Smith the following reports submitted to the Executive were duly received and adopted.

Report on Cripple Children. (See page 582).

Report on Workmen's Compensation Board. (See page 581).

Report on V. O. N. (See page 575).

Report on Public Health Advisory Committee. (See page 571).

Report on Provincial Medical Board. (See page 516).

Report on Narcotic Drugs Committee. (See page 570).

The hour being 11.30, Dr. Eric W. McDonald of Reserve, presented his paper on Mennigitis which was largely discussed and will be published in an early issue of the BULLETIN.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following report which was on motion, adopted.

Our recommendations are as follows:—

Place of Meeting, Halifax, N. S.

The Committee is strongly impressed with the claims of Yarmouth as expressed in the cordial invitation by Dr. Lebbetter, but feels that in view of precedent, a periodic return to the capital city is in order this year. We would recommend Yarmouth to the favorable consideration of our successors of 1933.

President.....	Dr. K. A. MacKenzie, Halifax, N. S.
1st Vice-President.....	Dr. A. R. Campbell, Yarmouth, N. S.
2nd Vice-President.....	Dr. J. C. Morrison, New Waterford, N. S.
Secretary.....	Dr. S. L. Walker, Halifax, N. S.
Treasurer.....	Dr. W. L. Muir, Halifax, N. S.

Executive Committee:—The above named officers together with such members as may be nominated by the various branch societies in accordance with the constitution.

Cumberland County—Doctors M. J. Wardrope, Springhill; A. E. Mackintosh, Amherst, N. S.

Colchester-Hants Society—

Pictou County—Doctors T. W. McLean, Scotsburn; J. C. Ballem, New Glasgow.

Eastern Counties—Doctors H. C. S. Elliott, Guysboro; Dr. R. F. McDonald, Antigonish.

Cape Breton—Doctors J. W. McLean, North Sydney; J. F. Macaulay, Sydney; John McKiggan, Dominion No. 6.

Lunenburg-Queens—

*Western N. S. Medical Association—*Doctors L. M. Morton, Yarmouth; R. L. Blackadar, Port Maitland.

*Valley Medical Society—*Doctors M. R. Elliott, Wolfville; A. S. Burns, Kentville.

*Halifax Medical Society—*Doctors H. A. Payzant, N. H. Gosse, G. W. Wiswell, M. G. Burris, F. V. Woodbury.

Standing Committees:—

*Public Health—*Doctors Byrne, Blackadar, McLeod (J. K.), Rehfluss, Kent, McKinnon (W. F.).

*Health Publicity—*Doctors Walker, Benvie, Byrne, Gosse, Johnston (S. R.), Burns (G. R.), McIsaac.

*Advisory to Department of Public Health—*Doctors Farish, Roy (J. J.), Burns (A. S.), Little, Grant (H. G.), McDonald (H. K.), Burns (G. R.), McIsaac.

*Editorial Board C. M. A.—*Dr. H. B. Atlee and Secretaries of Branch Societies.

*Workmen's Compensation Board—*Doctors Corston, Acker (T. B.), Burris, Lynch.

*Council C. M. A.—*Doctors Morse, Cochran, (W. N.), Murray (Dan), Morrison (J. C.), the President and Secretary (Ex-Officio).

*Narcotic Drugs—*Doctors Archibald (D. W.), Murphy (G. H.), Lawlor.

*Legislative—*Doctors Hogan and McDougall.

*Tuberculosis Commission—*The President and Dr. Alister Calder.

*Board of Management of N. S. Society for Cripple Children—*Doctors L. R. Morse, Dan Murray, J. C. Morrison.

*Historical Medicine—*Doctors Scammell, Morrison (M. D.), Atlee, Walker, Murphy (G. H.), McGarry (M. E.), Kendall, Webster.

*The Provincial Medical Board—*Doctors McDougall, Hogan, Roy, Benvie, Gilroy and Fuller. (Continued from last year).

*Representative to the V. O. N.—*Dr. C. S. Morton.

*Representative to the New Brunswick Medical Society—*Dr. W. Alan Curry.

*Representative to the Prince Edward Island Medical Society—*Dr. M. E. McGarry.

*Solicitor—*Mr. J. McG. Stewart, Halifax, N. S.

J. R. Corston, Chairman.

W. N. Cochran,

Jno. J. Roy,

A. S. Burns,

T. A. Lebbetter.

With reference to the report of the Health Publicity Committee. (See page 578). On motion of Dr. R. P. Smith it was *resolved* that the new Committee appointed make further efforts with the Department of Health in this matter.

The Report of the Historical Committee (See page 573) being referred to the general meeting it was moved by Dr. H. B. Atlee, seconded by Dr. A. R. Campbell as follows:—

“That the Society does not give its sanction to any History of Medicine

in Nova Scotia that is not first approved by the Historical Committee of the Society. Motion carried.

The usual motion to adjourn *Sine Die* was carried at 1.30 p. m. and the Executive was instructed to deal with any omitted or unfinished business.

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In accordance with announcements the Golf Tournament, drive to the Look Off, and other entertainment took place in the afternoon.

The next official function was the Banquet at the Cornwallis Inn at 8 p. m., the President, Dr. W. R. Dunbar being in the chair. Some special bouquets were presented to some of the ladies and visitors and, among them one to the General Secretary.

It was a matter of general regret that Doctors Lahey and Haggart were unable to be present as they were compelled to leave that afternoon for their return to Boston. Dr. Lahey wrote as follows:—

To the Members of the Nova Scotia Medical Society.
Gentlemen:

It is with regret that Dr. Haggart and I submit this note of appreciation of your generous hospitality in place of the opportunity of thanking you in person. We had anticipated the pleasure of staying through to the end of your meeting, and would have done so were it not for the fact that the beginning of vacations on July 1st has left the Clinic short-handed, and so compels us to return at once and forego the pleasure of spending the remainder of the day with you.

Dr. Haggart wishes me to express to you his pleasure in visiting your meeting, and his thanks for your kind reception of his talk.

I find it difficult to put into unemotional words my feelings regarding your sentiments of approval and friendship for me and the Clinic, as expressed in the meeting by some of your members yesterday. I can only say that material good fortune in comparison with the warm friendship that any small accomplishment which we have attained has suffered sadly by comparison of the two pleasures. I shall always feel that the interest and approval of my Nova Scotia friends and colleagues has played a considerable part in any progress we have made. As I listened to the pleasant words of commendation yesterday, I was very conscious of the fact that while they were expressed to me as a person, they were in reality in a large measure deserved by the group of hard and faithful workers in the Clinic who are denied the opportunity, by their numbers, of coming in contact with you each individually.

The Clinic extends to you all, singly or in groups, a cordial invitation to come and visit us whenever you can, and stay as long as you are able. We will gladly show you everything we have to show, and do our best to make you feel as we feel here, that you are among friends.

Please accept from Dr. Haggart and myself, our thanks for inviting us, and our regrets that we cannot prolong a very happy visit.

Yours truly,

(Signed) FRANK H. LAHEY,
G. E. HAGGART.

Dr. C. E. A. DeWitt, presented the following letter from Dr. J. Bion Bogart who had been expected to be present:—

“Dear Doctor DeWitt:—

After making all my plans to be with you in Kentville to-morrow to attend the Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Medical Society, I have just received a letter which, owing to change of plans, will prevent me from being with you in Kentville as well as postpone my visit to Wolfville, which it was very kind of you to undertake to facilitate.

As I had notified Dr. Walker that I would be present at the meeting and anticipated meeting Dr. Lahey and renewing my acquaintance with him, will you be so kind as to express my regrets to both these gentlemen and explain the reason for my absence?

As I am anticipating spending next winter in Wolfville, I am anticipating much pleasure from a more extended acquaintance with you. In the meantime, please accept of my sincere thanks for your many courtesies.

Very sincerely,

J. BION BOGARD.

Dr. J. A. M. Hemmeon made the following report of the winners in the Golf Tournament and the President made the presentations.

The winners of the events are as follows:—

1. Championship Trophy, L. M. Morton, M.D., Yarmouth.
2. Birks' Cup—Handicap Match Lowest Net Score, L. M. Morton, M.D., Yarmouth.
3. Driving Competition.
 - 1st. B. F. Miller, M.D., 225 yards. Caddy Bag by Imperial Publishing Company.
 - 2nd. J. J. McDonald, M.D., 211 yards.
 - 4th. A Booby Prize, Largest Net Score. Winner T. A. Lebbetter, M.D., Yarmouth. Fishing Rod, Reels and Line.
 - 5th. Sealed Hole. Winner W. J. Colwell, M.D., Halifax. Men's Toilet Set donated by MacLeod Balcom, Ltd.

Women's Events.

1. Handicap Match, Lowest Net Score. Winner Mrs. W. L. Muir, Halifax. Caddy Bag.
2. Women's Driving Competition.
 - 1st. Mrs. W. L. Muir, 145 yards. Prize Compact, etc., Donated by MacLeod, Balcom Limited.
 - 2nd. Mrs. D. A. Campbell, Bridgewater, 135 yards.

Excepting for the usual loyal toast to the King there were no official toasts, but the President introduced Doctors Rudolf, Ross, Britton and Tidmarsh, representatives from other Societies, who conveyed official greetings from their respective Associations to the Medical Society of Nova Scotia. A very pleasing feature of this function was the singing of Mr. Earl Spicer, a world renowned artist, who was at the time visiting his native home in Berwick. Upon the conclusion of the two feasts, Bridge and Dancing were enjoyed until a late hour.

The Secretary was instructed to insert the Report of the Committee on Acts of Courtesy:—

Your Committee on Courtesies begs to make the following report upon which the Secretary will note the necessary action.

1. That the thanks of the Nova Scotia Medical Society be tendered to the following:—
 - (a) The Town of Kentville for its hospitable welcome tendered by His Worship, Mayor Lyons.
 - (b) The Local Committee of Medical men for making arrangements for the comfort and entertainment of the visiting Doctors and their guests.
 - (c) The Ken-Wo Country Club for setting aside the Club House and Course for the Golf Tournament, also to the Ladies of Kentville who provided tea.

- (d) To the Visiting Physicians for their excellent scientific addresses and their messages of goodwill.
- (e) To Dr. and Mrs. Bishop for the entertainment tendered to the guests at their home.
- (f) To the Press for reports of the proceedings of the Session and to any and all who have in any way helped to make the Convention the success it has been.

Your Committee received communications of regret from Dr. G. H. Murphy who was ill and from Dr. J. G. MacDougall who was unavoidably detained at the last moment. Also from Dr. J. Bion Bogart of Digby who had fully expected to be present. The Secretary should make proper acknowledgements.

REGISTRATION—ANNUAL MEETING JULY 4TH, 5TH AND 6TH.

Cornwallis Inn, Kentville, N. S.

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| Dr. John Stewart, Halifax, N. S. | Mr. G. C. Corston, Halifax. |
| Dr. T. Ives Byrne, Deputy Minister of Health, Halifax, N. S. | Dr. D. Murray and son, Tatamagouche. |
| Dr. A. S. Burns, Kentville. | Dr. J. C. Acker, Halifax. |
| Dr. G. Ronald Forbes and wife, Kentville. | Dr. Frank G. Mack, Halifax. |
| Dr. C. J. W. Beckwith, Kentville. | Dr. J. W. Merritt, Halifax. |
| Dr. H. E. Kelley, Middleton. | Dr. C. E. Kinley, Halifax. |
| Dr. J. J. MacRitchie, Halifax. | Dr. T. R. Johnston, Great Village. |
| Dr. J. P. McGrath and wife, Kentville. | Dr. W. N. Reh fuss, Bridgewater. |
| Dr. B. S. Bishop, Kentville. | Dr. W. G. Colwell, Halifax. |
| Dr. J. C. Morrison, New Waterford. | Dr. N. H. Gosse, Halifax. |
| Mr. F. C. Morrison, New Waterford. | Dr. E. B. Hall, Bridgetown. |
| Dr. Ralph P. Smith, Halifax. | Mrs. M. J. Macaulay, Sydney. |
| Dr. W. N. Cochran, Mahone Bay. | Dr. S. G. Mackenzie, Halifax. |
| Dr. F. O'Neil, Sydney. | Dr. R. A. MacLellan, Rawdon Gold Mines, Nova Scotia. |
| Dr. W. L. Muir and Mrs. Muir, Halifax. | Dr. T. B. Acker, Halifax. |
| Dr. C. M. Bayne, Sydney. | Dr. J. G. D. Campbell, Halifax. |
| Dr. Dan McNeil, Glace Bay. | Dr. H. K. MacDonald, Halifax. |
| Miss Laura McNeil, Glace Bay. | Dr. M. R. Elliott, Wolfville. |
| Miss Anna McNeil, Glace Bay. | Dr. F. F. Chute, Canning. |
| Dr. D. J. MacKenzie, Halifax. | Dr. C. E. A. DeWitt, Wolfville. |
| Dr. J. W. Ross, Toronto. | Dr. B. W. Skinner, Mahone |
| Dr. Joseph Hayes, Halifax. | Mr. E. M. MacLeod, Halifax. |
| Dr. R. H. MacLeod, Charleston, W. Va. | Dr. E. T. Granville, Bedford. |
| Dr. J. A. M. Hemmeon, Wolfville. | Dr. G. H. Ferguson, Weymouth. |
| Dr. W. H. Eager, Wolfville. | Dr. John R. MacCleave, Digby. |
| Dr. P. S. Campbell, Port Hood. | Dr. E. V. Hogan, Halifax. |
| Dr. W. R. Dunbar and wife, Truro. | Dr. Gerald R. Burns, Halifax. |
| Dr. H. C. O'Brien, Wedgeport. | Dr. T. A. Kirkpatrick, Kentville. |
| Dr. L. F. Doiron, Little Brook. | Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Rudolf, Toronto. |
| Dr. R. H. Wilkinson, Harley, England. | Dr. J. L. Sutherland, Halifax. |
| Dr. J. J. Roy, Sydney. | Dr. H. W. Schwarz, Halifax. |
| Dr. T. A. Lebbetter, Yarmouth. | Dr. K. A. MacKenzie, Halifax. |
| Dr. F. L. Hill, Parrsboro. | Dr. C. W. Holland, Halifax. |
| Dr. and Mrs. Eric Macdonald, Reserve. | Dr. J. E. LeBlanc, West Pubnico. |
| Dr. C. A. Herbin, Lockeport. | Dr. Z. Hawkins, South Ohio. |
| Dr. J. R. Corston, Halifax. | Dr. V. H. T. Parker, Stellarton. |

- Dr. A. E. Murray, Halifax.
 Dr. A. F. Miller, Kentville.
 Dr. F. W. Tidmarsh, Charlottetown.
 Dr. B. H. Calkin, Stellarton.
 Dr. C. M. Bethune, Halifax.
 Dr. B. F. Miller, New Waterford.
 Dr. H. J. Martin, Sydney Mines.
 Dr. W. H. Robbins, New Glasgow.
 Dr. Hugh MacKinnon, Berwick.
 Dr. Arthur L. Murphy, Halifax.
 Dr. C. H. Morris, Windsor.
 Dr. O. B. Keddy, Windsor.
 Dr. P. S. Cochrane, Wolfville.
 Dr. F. R. Shankel, Windsor.
 Dr. J. C. Ballem, New Glasgow.
 Dr. J. J. MacDonald, New Glasgow.
 Dr. Wm. Grant, Wolfville.
 Dr. A. F. Fraser, N. S. Sanatorium, Kentville.
 Mr. Audrey A. Gilpin, N. S. Sanatorium,
 Kentville.
 Dr. L. E. Cogswell, Berwick.
 Mr. C. M. Jones, Halifax.
 Dr. I. R. Sutherland, Annapolis Royal.
 Dr. F. R. Davis, Bridgewater.
- B. B. Davis, Bridgewater.
 Dr. H. E. Britton, Moncton.
 Dr. C. S. Bezanson, Aylesford.
 Dr. J. C. Wickwire, Liverpool.
 Dr. L. R. Morse, Lawrencetown.
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 Mr. W. J. Judd, New Britain, Conn.
 Mr. R. M. Booth, New Britain, Conn.
 Mr. Penn T. Kimball, New Britain, Conn.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Clinger, Halifax.

We herewith publish additionally, Dr. Miller's account of the Nova Scotia Sanatorium Refresher Course which followed on the succeeding days—Thursday to Saturday of this Annual Session.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. L. WALKER,
 Secretary.

TUBERCULOSIS REFRESHER COURSE FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

By DR. A. F. MILLER,
 Medical Superintendent, Nova Scotia Sanatorium.

THE Refresher Course in tuberculosis given at the Nova Scotia Sanatorium, Kentville, Nova Scotia, July 7-8-9 of this year proved eminently successful and had a stimulating effect upon the physicians in attendance, who assembled to the number of fifty. This course had been in the mind and desire of the superintendent for some years and had been requested by practitioners throughout the Province. It was approved by the Nova Scotia Medical Society, and by the Government Minister of Public Health. The expenses were covered by a legacy left to the Superintendent for any purpose of his choice.

The success of such a course obviously must depend upon careful and detailed planning and arrangement. First of all it was necessary for us to find out if a sufficient number of the provincial medical men were interested and would take advantage of the course to make it worth while to go ahead. To ascertain this, we sent out, early in May, a letter and the following questionnaire to each physician in the province:

A REPLY REQUESTED BY MAY 31ST.

I will [not] attend the "refresher course" in tuberculosis July 7-8-9. I am interested in:

1. Physical examination of the chest.
2. Radiographic and fluoroscopic examination of the chest.
3. Tuberculin tests in "Diagnosis."
4. Use of radiopaque oil in non-tuberculous affections of the chest
5. Hygienic-dietetic treatment.
6. Artificial pneumothorax.
7. Phrenicectomy.
8. Thoracoplasty.
9. Ultra-violet rays.

Note: Nos. 1-2-5-6 especially advised.

Name

Address.....

The response was, as we hoped, prompt and satisfactory. Within a fortnight we were assured of the attendance of over forty doctors. We at once proceeded to secure our lectures and complete arrangements for the following programme:—

THURSDAY—JULY 7TH—DIAGNOSIS.

- 9.30-11.30 a. m. (a) Chest examinations.
 (b) Interpretation of X-ray films.
- 11.30-12.30 Tuberculin tests.
- 2.30- 3.30 p. m. (a) Fluoroscopic examinations.
 (b) Laboratory examination of sputa.
- 3.30- 4.00 p. m. (a) "The use of Iodized Oil in the X-ray Diagnosis of Broncho-Pulmonary Lesions"—Dr. C. D. Parfitt.
- 4.00- 4.30 p. m. (b) Demonstration of Technique Employed.
- 8.15 p. m. ADDRESS: "The Diagnosis, Prevention and Treatment of Tuberculosis in Infants and Children"—Dr. H. W. Hetherington.

FRIDAY—JULY 8TH—TREATMENT.

- 9.30-10.30 a. m. (a) "Artificial Pneumothorax in Pulmonary Tuberculosis"—Dr. A. F. Miller.
 (b) "Oleothonax in Pulmonary Tuberculosis"—Dr. C. J. W. Beckwith.
- 10.45-12.30 Artificial Pneumothorax and Oleothonax—Operative Procedure Demonstrated.
- 2.30- 3.30 p. m. (a) "Phrenicectomy in the Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis"—Dr. H. K. MacDonald.
 (b) "Thoracoplasty in the Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis"—Dr. J. G. MacDougall.
- 3.30- 4.30 p. m. (a) Artificial Light Therapy.
 (b) Interpretation of Tuberculin Reactions.
- 8.15 p. m. (a) Address: "The Things to Build On"—Hon. G. H. Murphy, Minister of Public Health.
 (b) Address: "Tuberculosis among Medical Students"—Dr. H. W. Hetherington.

SATURDAY—JULY 9TH—TREATMENT.

9.30-11.30 a. m. Rounds through Infirmaries.

Medical Treatment.

- (a) Sanitary Precautions.
- (b) Rest and Fresh Air.
- (c) Fever.
- (d) Hemorrhage.
- (e) Pleurisy with Effusion.

INSTRUCTORS.

Dr. C. D. Parfitt, Supt. Calydor Sanatorium, Gravenhurst, Ont.

Dr. H. W. Hetherington, Chief of Clinic, The Henry Phipps Institute, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. H. A. Farris, Former Supt. Saint John County Hospital, Saint John, New Brunswick.

Dr. R. J. Collins, Supt. Saint John County Hospital, East Saint John, New Brunswick.

Dr. C. M. Bayne, Divisional Medical Health Officer, Sydney, N. S.

Dr. G. R. Burns, Victoria General Hospital, Halifax, N. S.

Dr. P. S. Campbell, Divisional Medical Health Officer, Halifax, N. S.

Dr. T. M. Sieniewicz, Supt. Tuberculosis Hospital, Halifax, N. S.

Sanatorium Physicians: Dr. A. F. Miller, Dr. C. J. W. Beckwith, Dr. H. R. Corbett, Dr. A. A. Giffin, Dr. A. V. Fraser.

At the time of registration on the opening morning, each physician was given two envelopes, one containing typewritten instructions regarding hours for cases and places where they were to be held, with the name of the instructor to whom he was assigned.

The second envelope contained the following literature for his use during and after the course: (a) Diagnostic Standards—Tuberculosis of the Lungs and Tracheo-Bronchial Lymph Nodes (National Tuberculosis Association); (b) The Childhood Type of Tuberculosis, (National Tuberculosis Association); (c) Selected literature from the Canadian Tuberculosis Association; (d) Regulations and Advice for Patients, (Nova Scotia Sanatorium booklet); (e) The Work of the Nova Scotia Sanatorium and Its Place in the Fight Against Tuberculosis, (reprint of address by the Superintendent); (f) Diet Sheets (Nova Scotia Sanatorium); (g) Literature on Light Treatment, (typed—Nova Scotia Sanatorium).

We were of the opinion, and are now more firmly convinced than ever, that apart from lectures, our teaching and demonstrations, to be satisfactory, should be given to groups not larger than six, and on these lines our course was arranged. This naturally requires more work in preparation, but is fully justified by results.

For *physical examination of the chest* each instructor had three patients, (minimal, moderately advanced, far advanced) and a typed case sheet on each case. The complete sanatorium record of each patient was also at hand. Multiple stethoscopes for three were used, those for six being found entirely unsuitable for our purpose. Emphasis was laid upon the value of *history* and *auscultation*, especial attention being given to the elicitation of rales.

At the completion of these examinations, the group of student physicians was taken to a study of X-ray films of the same three cases. For this purpose

we had had specially constructed a long X-ray viewing box capable of holding thirty-six films. Instead of the usual opaque glass, the frame was covered with architect's tracing paper, behind which were twelve 200 watt lamps, and we found the lighting to be excellent, the films being easily read. Below each film was attached typewritten X-ray findings.

Each group of physicians had all the other films in the collection fully interpreted for them by the X-ray instructors, and unusual interest was evident in this insight into the value of the X-ray in the diagnosis of tuberculosis.

Next a demonstration was given upon the same patients of the technique of the *tuberculin tests*; and on the following day, the reactions were interpreted. The value of the tests in early childhood was stressed.

For *fluoroscopic examinations* we had four instructors, each with a class of six and a series of patients as subjects. First, the normal chest was shown, then various stages and complications of tuberculosis compared.

For *laboratory examination of sputum* only two methods were shown, the direct and the indirect. Technique and staining methods were carefully demonstrated. Twelve microscopes (lent us by Acadia University) were provided.

The *use of opaque oils* (Lipiodol, Radiopaque) was demonstrated in suitable cases, especially as a means for outlining the "bronchial tree" in certain non-tuberculous disease in the chest, these patients being immediately x-rayed, and the films explained to the physicians.

The method of inducing *pneumothorax* was shown by four operators, each one to his group of six, four rooms being prepared for this purpose. As many receiving this treatment at the Sanatorium eventually have to continue it at their homes, we had been asked to interest as many physicians as possible in this measure, and we thought this a good opportunity to acquaint them, somewhat, with the procedure, so that some might return for the further instruction and practice necessary to qualify them for giving and supervising artificial pneumothorax treatment.

At this session also demonstration was given of the *introduction of sterile oils into the pleural space* for the purposes of (a) sustaining compression of the lung (oleothorax) and (b) of overcoming obstinate purulent effusions. This subject had been explained and discussed previously with study of X-ray films.

Talks were given on the other surgical measures, thoracoplasty and phrenicectomy, with inspections of patients successfully operated upon and of X-ray films in these cases.

The application of *Light Therapy* was shown, with patients, and the methods and uses of lamps explained. (Ultraviolet, Carbon Arc, and Kromeyer).

The two evening lectures with general discussion took up the subjects indicated on the programme.

Not the least of the benefits to the visiting physicians was their aroused interest and appreciation of the nature of the work carried on at the Sanatorium beyond the usual hope and advantage to patients of ordinary rest-and-feeding treatment such as the home affords. Their keen interest and, in many instances, surprise was evident. It is encouraging to note that it was the unanimous desire of the assembled medical men that such a course be repeated. As tangible results, we look for a noticeable increase in the proportion of early cases of tuberculosis reaching us at the Sanatorium.

Needless to say, it would be impossible to carry out a course of this kind without good support and team work among a well-trained staff. This we had, and for the hard work done we are sincerely grateful.

LIST OF PHYSICIANS ATTENDING REFRESHER COURSE.

Dr. F. O'Neil, Sydney.	Dr. L. E. Cogswell, Berwick.
Dr. T. R. Johnson, Great Village.	Dr. H. E. Kelley, Middleton.
Dr. A. E. Blackett, New Glasgow.	Dr. H. J. Martin, Sydney.
Dr. D. F. McLellan, New Glasgow.	Dr. A. R. Reid, Windsor.
Dr. J. S. Munro, North Sydney.	Dr. A. B. Campbell, Yarmouth.
Dr. W. S. Hewat, Lunenburg.	Dr. Z. Hawkins, So. Ohio.
Dr. P. A. Creelman, Charlottetown.	Dr. W. N. Cochrane, Mahone Bay.
Dr. C. B. Cameron, Petite Riviere.	Dr. J. C. Morrison, New Waterford.
Dr. C. A. Herbin, Lockeport.	Dr. Lalia M. Chase, Wolfville.
Dr. L. E. Morrison, Mahone Bay.	Dr. G. R. Forbes, Kentville.
Dr. M. J. Macaulay, Sydney.	Dr. R. Ian Macdonald, Halifax.
Dr. B. F. Miller, New Waterford.	Dr. E. W. MacDonald, Reserve.
Dr. F. T. Densmore, Dominion.	Dr. R. A. MacLellan, Rawdon.
Dr. W. R. Dunbar, Truro.	Dr. L. R. Morse, Lawrencetown.
Dr. Joseph Hayes, Halifax.	Dr. B. H. Calkin, Stellarton.
Dr. J. J. Carroll, Antigonish.	Dr. A. S. Burns, Kentville.
Dr. E. B. Hall, Bridgetown.	Dr. B. S. Bishop, Kentville.
Dr. Gerald R. Burns, Halifax.	Dr. K. A. MacKenzie, Halifax.
Dr. W. C. MacBayne, Antigonish.	Dr. G. A. McCurdy,
Dr. C. E. A. DeWitt, Wolfville.	Dr. N. F. S. Rusted, Newfoundland.
Dr. C. D. Parfitt, Gravenhurst, Ont.	Dr. F. C. MacLellan, Tatamagouche.
Dr. G. W. Whitman, Stellarton.	Dr. A. B. Campbell, Bear River.
Dr. H. W. Hetherington, Philadelphia.	Dr. H. A. Farris, Saint John, N. B.
Dr. W. H. Robbins, New Glasgow.	Dr. T. A. Kirkpatrick, Kentville.
Dr. D. Murray, Tatamagouche.	Dr. D. McNeil, Glace Bay.
Dr. Hugh MacKinnon, Berwick.	

Thoughts for Society Members.

If we have no ambition we are like a sail boat in a dead calm.

If we have no ideals we are like hunters lost in a dense jungle not knowing the stars and without a compass.

If we have no self respect we are like reeds that have no resistance.

If we have no faith we are like a child sinking in a bed of quicksand.

If we have no education we are like animals that must be herded.

The above disconnected thoughts apply to us as a profession. Our Society is organized Medicine. We must pull in one direction to reach the ideal state. If we sit indifferently by the roadside while the battle goes on, pernicious legislation will win and we will be laid out cold. Without ambition, self-respect, faith, and education we can never attain the heights.

Cogitate these thoughts and think what you can do to help your Society and, incidentally, yourself.

(The *Bulletin* of the Medical Society of the County of Kings, N. Y.)

Boy: "Do you know, Dad, that in some parts of Africa a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?"

Dad: "Why single out Africa?"

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"The Public Health Laboratory provides free diagnostic services on public health problems for the entire province. It is, however, to be regretted that misunderstanding exists among physicians as to the scope of this work. Generally speaking, this free service includes any examination that has a direct bearing on any problem of infectious diseases. At present this includes examinations of blood for Kahn test, widal test and culture for the Typhoid group; Cerebro-spinal fluids; smears for Gonococci; sputum, pleural fluid and pus for tubercle bacilli; throat and nasal swabs; urine and faeces for tubercle bacilli and typhoid; water and milk. Physicians desiring this service should address their communications to Dr. D. J. MacKenzie, Public Health Laboratory, Pathological Institute, Morris Street, Halifax, N. S.

Physicians desiring serums and vaccines should address their communications to the Department of Public Health, Halifax, N. S.

All specimens of tissue sent through Government owned or aided hospitals, shall be examined free of charge at the Pathological Institute, Morris Street, Halifax, N. S., under the auspices of the Department of Public Health.

Specimens should be addressed to Dr. Ralph P. Smith, Provincial Pathological Laboratory, Morris Street., Halifax, N. S."

**Report on Tissues sent for Examination to the Provincial Laboratory,
from July 16th, 1932 to August 15th, 1932, Inclusive.**

The total number of cases sectioned is 84, which compares favorably with the monthly average of 66 for 1930-1931. In addition to the above figure, 15 tissues were sectioned from 4 autopsies.

An analysis of the nature of the biopsy tissues from the histological reports reveals:—

Tumours, Malignant.....	11
" simple.....	8
" suspicious.....	2
Other conditions.....	52
Awaiting section.....	11
	—
	84
	—

Unfortunately the giving of an accurate diagnosis is hindered by many of the specimens arriving at the Laboratory unaccompanied by any history whatever. Often the source of the growth is omitted. A short note of the sex and age of patient, duration of tumour and any other relevant points in the history would be much appreciated and would be of considerable help in the giving of a fuller report on diagnosis and prognosis.

**Report on Tissues sent for Examination to the Provincial Laboratory
from August 15th, 1932 to the 15th of September, 1932, inclusive.**

The total number of cases sectioned is 93, which compares favourably with the monthly average of 66 for 1930-1931. In addition to the above figure, 9 tissues were sectioned from 4 autopsies.

An analysis of the nature of the biopsy tissues from the histological reports reveals:—

Tumours, Malignant.....	17
" Simple.....	8
" Suspicious.....	2
Other Conditions.....	51
Awaiting Section.....	15
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	93
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Unfortunately the giving of an accurate diagnosis is hindered by many of the specimens arriving at the Laboratory unaccompanied by any history whatever. Often the source of the growth is omitted. A short note of the sex, age of patient, duration of tumour and any other relevant points in the history would be much appreciated and would be of considerable help in the giving of a fuller report on diagnosis and prognosis.

Communicable Diseases Reported by the Medical Health Officers for the Period Commencing Aug. 17th, 1932 until Sept. 15th, 1932.

County	Infantile Paralysis	Meningitis	Chicken Pox	Diphtheria	Influenza	Measles	Mumps	Pneumonia	Scarlet Fever.	Paratyphoid	Tuberculosis, pul.	Typhoid Fever	Whooping Cough	V. D. G.	V. D. S.	TOTAL
Annapolis.....	13	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
Antigonish.....
Cape Breton.....
Colchester.....	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Cumberland.....	1	..	..	..	1
Digby.....	10	..	..	10
Guysboro.....
Halifax City.....	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	11
Halifax.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Hants.....
Inverness.....
Kings.....	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	6
Lunenburg.....	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Pictou.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Queens.....	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	11
Richmond.....
Shelburne.....	3	..	..	..	1	4
Victoria.....
Yarmouth.....
TOTAL.....	1	..	8	3	..	19	7	..	9	3	3	1	14	6	1	75

RETURNS VITAL STATISTICS FOR JUNE 1932.

County	Births		Marriages	Deaths		Stillbirths
	M	F		M	F	
Annapolis.....	24	12	12	7	3	1
Antigonish.....	8	9	1	6	5	1
Cape Breton.....	74	60	43	26	30	4
Colchester.....	34	24	22	9	11	1
Cumberland.....	31	30	24	15	14	5
Digby.....	13	13	6	8	10	1
Guysboro.....	16	14	15	8	8	2
Halifax.....	77	72	41	47	42	7
Hants.....	20	13	9	5	8	2
Inverness.....	20	22	4	12	8	0
Kings.....	17	13	6	8	12	0
Lunenburg.....	24	23	16	8	10	1
Pictou.....	32	25	10	14	18	4
Queens.....	8	14	8	4	3	2
Richmond.....	14	11	2	3	2	0
Shelburne.....	15	17	6	9	8	2
Victoria.....	6	8	3	3	3	0
Yarmouth.....	20	12	7	7	6	3
TOTALS.....	453	392	235	199	201	36
TOTALS.....	845		235	400		36

Branch Societies

THE HALIFAX MEDICAL SOCIETY GOLF TOURNAMENT.

THIS annual event, followed by a dinner, took place at Ashburn on Wednesday, August 17th, 1932, the Mogul, chiefly interested in this event, advised the BULLETIN as follows:—

Dr. Clyde W. Holland won the prize for the lowest gross score, 85, not so bad! He will in all probability make a closer shave on this at the next tournament; this, being probably, because the prize for this score, presented by A. H. Buckley Limited, was a Rolls Safety Razor.

The prize for the lowest net score was won by Dr. Young of the Dalhousie Medical staff, his score being 65. His future contributions to the Halifax Medical Society and the BULLETIN of the Nova Scotia Medical Society will be presumably greatly assisted by the prize for this score, a handsome fountain pen on a pedestal presented by MacLeod & Balcom, Limited.

Not satisfied with the lowest gross score, Dr. C. W. Holland proceeded to win the four sealed holes competition with a score of 20,—the prize being a silver pencil presented by Kinley's Limited. The runner up for this, presumably, important event was Dr. C. E. Kinley, whose score was 21, his prize being golf balls and shaving cream. It would almost appear that some kind friends were putting themselves out in order to enable a number of persons to make cleaner gains on their score in the coming year.

Following the custom very well established, by Ladies' Bridge Clubs and by the Golf Committee of The Medical Society of Nova Scotia, a consolation prize was awarded this year by the Society and was won by Dr. H. W. Schwartz with a score of 151. As this was his first attempt at the game, he was congratulated by all, as was also his partner Dr. John Murdock. We are not aware of the nature of the prize given, but either that or the game must have been very pleasing to them for they were both most enthusiastic over their initial efforts in this universally recognized pastime. Following the afternoon programme dinner was served in the club house at 7.30 p. m. There were 33 members and guests present. This was a record number. While the reporter may have missed some, he did see the following present:—Drs. Johnston, Weatherbee, Morton (A. McD.), Morton (Allen), Mader (A. I.), Mader (Victor), Kinley, McLellan, Curry, Holland, Colwell, Dreyer, Young, Glenister, Payzant, Barton, Hawkins, Cunningham, Murdock, Schwartz, Gorrslie, Gosse, McDonald (D. J.), Mack, McKenzie (Seymour), Grant (Don), Grant (H. G.), Reid, Woodbury, MacKay, Acker (J. C.), and the reporter missed the others.

After dinner there were choruses sung to the accompaniment of Dr. Cunningham's never failing banjo. Some enjoyed a game of forty fives, and all agreed that the day was most enjoyable from start to finish.

MOGUL.

Correspondence

J. P. Lippincott, Publishers,
525 Confederation Building, Montreal,
September 2nd, 1932.

Dr. S. L. Walker,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Doctor:—

Thanks for not giving name of new Registrar, Dr. Scammell.

Not much chance of jocosity during these depressing times, although I met a woman to-day walking with a dwarf, and she introduced him to me as her husband. I asked her why she married a dwarf and she replied: "On account of the depression. I am cutting things down."

Two days before the eclipse I went into a photo store for a film to view the sun, and asked if I could return it if the sky were beclouded? And the counter-man showed excellent salesmanship by telling me it would be good for the next eclipse! I told him there was a man in the moon, but was there a woman? There must be because there's "the Sun."

Next C. M. A. Convention is in Saint John. Will see you there. If you know any young man who would like to take orders for our books—medical—in Halifax, send in their names.

"The difference between a Scotchman and a battery. You can charge a battery.

"This is the grave of a cute little girl, who had a cute little figure, a cute little curl, a cute little foot, a cute little—A cute indigestion took her away."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) JAMES WILSON.

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Dr. S. L. Walker,
Nova Scotia Medical Bulletin,
107 Hollis Street,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Sept. 16, 1932

Dear Doctor:—

In spite of that article in the September BULLETIN we want to keep right on sending you "Dr. Collectem"—for, while we know that you have no accounts

to entrust to our care, we do wish you to see how The Medical Audit Association is coming along all the time.

By the way, in this connection an interesting remark was made to me a short time ago by a caller at our office—a member of a large Clinic at Kamloops, B. C. He said: "you can readily imagine the amount of mail which comes to a Clinic. All kinds of advertising matter. And a lot of it goes into the waste paper basket unopened. But every member of our staff reads 'Dr. Collectem.'"

"Well," I said, "I'm glad to hear that. What is the especial reason for their reading 'Dr. Collectem'?"

"It's those letters from other doctors," he said. "We often see letters in 'Dr. Collectem' from fellows we went through University with. We haven't heard anything about them for years, and haven't had the slightest idea where they were practicing. And then we read letters from them in 'Dr. Collectem', and we're glad to hear about them."

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I read each issue as I receive it and I think you have developed the more recent numbers exceedingly well.

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Yours sincerely,

A. T. BAZIN.

Halifax, N. S.,
September 24th, 1932.

Dear Doctor:—

I wish to bring to the attention of the medical practitioners of Nova Scotia some things that modern business makes available for, and has become a necessity in, your particular field of medical practice. I refer to general and special office equipment.

To-day, if a doctor starting in practice, has not a modern equipment, as regards office fixtures, it is considered by the public that he cannot afford it, (which is no disgrace although a great handicap) or is not conversant with its utility. The point is that proper office equipment is a *sine qua non* for every doctor in Nova Scotia to-day.

From our own knowledge we must address more than the recent graduates, for many practitioners have no suitable plan for card records of cases along professional lines and very few have as yet availed themselves of the modern visible record system of modern accounting which can be easily demonstrated to you. The day has passed when, even the family doctor could afford to keep no accounts.

Again, Doctor, did it ever occur to you that the patients who realize you have made careful permanent records of their disabilities, will be much more likely to return to you for future advice or treatment?

In particular should the recent graduate practitioner avail himself of the latest conveniences that office specialists have made available for him in recent years. This is a part of your capital investment, just as is your college and hospital training.

Yours truly,

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OBITUARY

NOT only the BULLETIN officially but all members of the medical profession in Nova Scotia, will desire to extend sympathy to Dr. Clarence Miller of New Glasgow in the recent passing of his wife after a considerable stay in the Victoria General Hospital. A large number of relatives and friends attended a funeral service at Christ Anglican Church, Stellarton, which followed a short service at her late home. This large attendance and the unprecedented abundance of the floral offerings, testified to the esteem in which she was held by all who had the honor of her friendship and acquaintance. At a time like this there does not seem much that an official body can do but make some official statement. The course adopted by the BULLETIN has been such as to convince all interested that all members of the Society would gladly share in the sorrows, as well as the joys of all other members. We are distinctly more friendly to-day than ever before and we wish to say this to Dr. Miller.

The BULLETIN regretted to learn of the passing recently of a highly esteemed former resident of Kentville in the person of Mrs. B. H. Dodge. For the past two years Mrs. Dodge resided with her daughter who is the wife of Dr. F. V. Woodbury, South Park St., Halifax, to whom we wish to extend sympathy.

At the advanced age of 85 years the death occurred late in August of Mrs. Nancy Corston, widow of the late James F. Corston, after a lengthy illness, at her late residence, Allen Street, Halifax. Besides a daughter who resides in Alberta, she is survived by a son, Dr. James R. Corston of Halifax. To him members of the medical profession in Nova Scotia will extend sincere sympathy. She was for many years a valued and active member of St. John's (now United) Church, and the news of her passing is learned by many former friends with great regret.

Older members of the Medical profession in Nova Scotia, when reading of the recent death of E. Hart Nicholls of Halifax, will remember that Mrs. Nicholls was a daughter of the late Dr. Moody who practiced medicine in Windsor until the late nineties of the last century. To Mrs. Nicholls and her daughter, Miss Constance, the BULLETIN extends sincere sympathy.

The death occurred in Saint John, N. B. in July of Miss Stella Keyes a graduate nurse of the Victorial General Hospital, who shortly before had gone there to care for a private case. She was a native of Elmsdale, N. S. and was buried at her former home.

At the advanced age of eighty years, Francis H. Doull, for many years a prominent figure in the mercantile life of Halifax, passed away September 21st after an illness of some years. Besides his widow he is survived by two sons and two daughters. Dr. A. E. Doull Sr., is a son and Dr. A. E. Doull Jr., is a grandson. To these members of the Profession the BULLETIN extends sympathy.

The death occurred in Shubenacadie on September 21st, 1932, of Frederick E. Pentz, one of the oldest Druggists in Nova Scotia. He was a native of Halifax, conducted a drug business and has been a resident of Shubenacadie since 1910 and an outstanding distinguished citizen. He is survived by his widow and eight daughters and sons. One of the latter is Dr. W. H. Pentz, Physician and Druggist, Quinpool Road, Halifax.

SIR RONALD ROSS, LONDON, Died September 16th, Aged 75 Years.

It is well for all of us to remember the names of some of the men who have been responsible for great advances in the science of medicine. Nearly 2,000 years ago two Italian physicians suggested that Malaria was a Mosquito Disease. This is the name that some African Tribes have long given this disease. Rosenau in his "Preventive Medicine and Hygiene," published in 1913, says:—"In 1848 Nott of New Orleans considered the matter proven from biological analogies. In 1882, King of Washington, vigorously advocated the mosquito theory based upon philosophical deduction, but no proof. In 1884, Laverman suggested mosquito transmission as probable. In 1894 Manson elaborated the mosquito theory and inspired Ross, of the Indian Army Medical Service, who, in 1895, demonstrated that the crescents of aestivoautumnal malaria underwent changes in the mosquito. In 1897 he published further convincing observations along this line."

For this discovery he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine. The A. M. A. Journal says of him,—“His name belongs with that of the medical immortals.”

Times are changing, it is said. A correspondent of a medical journal writing from South Carolina says:—

“Sir,—Down here every doctor is a specialist now; the general practitioners are specializing in diseases of the poor. The mail carriers are not the only ones making rural free deliveries. Times are so tough that all patients with typhoid are running subnormal temperatures.

Our local chiropractor has a new ballyhoo: “Come and have the resistance of your nerve force measured to the last ohm.” That should keep the ohm-fires burning.

In view of the fact that the medical profession is the first to feel an economic depression and the last to get relief from it, we may congratulate ourselves on being able To Keep on Smiling.

There has existed for some months a very considerable epidemic of Infantile Paralysis in the Province of Quebec. Practitioners in the Maritime Province should be constantly on guard that it does not enter or develop in our field.

Personal Interest Notes

CAPE Breton medical men take very kindly to the military game. Dr. Nat. McDonald of Sydney cannot hide his military bearing even when he is playing golf, and we would not be surprised, if he invented a golf ball that he could use in one of his heavy battery guns, to make a hole in one from their own local links to Ashburn, Halifax, between now and the Medical Society Tournament next summer. But now Dr. Freeman O'Neil of Sydney, has been gazetted by the Department of National Defence, Ottawa, as Lieutenant-Colonel and Officer Commanding of the Cape Breton Highlanders.

We also note that at the recent opening of the Cape Breton Air Pageant Colonel O'Neil was one of the distinguished visitors on the platform to assist the Premier and other notables in conducting the function. But this reference is only made by way of introduction to mentioning another very distinguished participant in this event,—Mrs. Jenkins of Charlottetown, wife of Dr. J. A. Jenkins of the Island Capital and daughter-in-law of the late Dr. R. S. Jenkins, so well known to all the older men of the medical profession in these three Maritime Provinces. Of her the *Sydney Post* says:—

“A feature of the pageant was the work of Mrs. Jack Jenkins, trim and attractive aviatrix of Charlottetown, P. E. I., and incidentally, the first pilot of her sex in the Maritimes, whose operation of a Puss Moth Cabin Monoplane, powered with an inverted Hermes 120 H. P. engine, gained the admiration and plaudits of the crowd. In the solo flight she executed a skilful aerial performance, and in the aeroplane race led the other machines to victory, despite that she was at considerable behind at the take-off, but gradually closed the gap to come through to a brilliant finish. Mrs. Jenkins is a familiar figure in Maritime flying circles, and not so long ago established a record by flying from Montreal to Charlottetown in the remarkable fast time of four hours and eight minutes.”

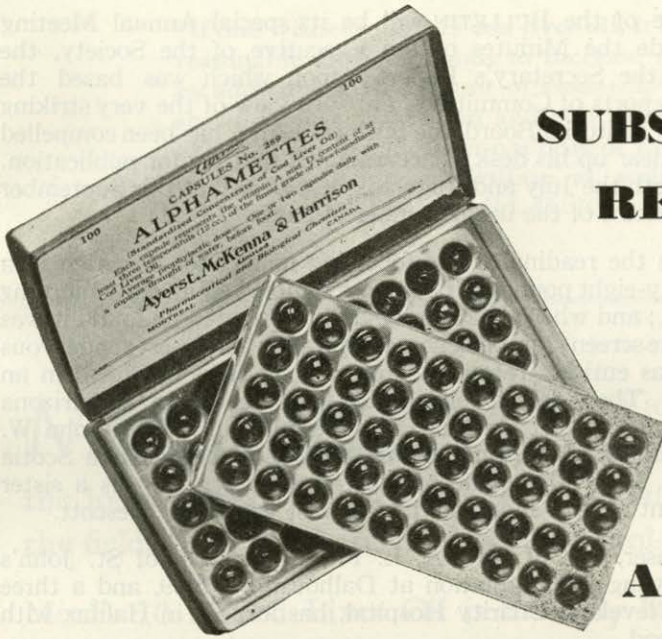
To give a little more local color to the incident the *Post* adds—“She had an honored passenger yesterday, Premier Harrington, taking him on a ten minute flight over the field, and which he enjoyed, judging by the smile that graced his countenance as he stepped from the plane at the end of the flight.”

Congratulations to Mrs. Jenkins, and to Dr. O'Neil.

Dr. W. W. Chipman of Montreal was a visitor in August at his former home in Annapolis County.

A new medical sign on Spring Garden Road is that of Dr. K. P. Hayes, formerly of Sydney Mines, now located in his native city at No. 9 on this favored medical street.

Doctors Weir of Freeport and McInnis of Shubenacadie, with their families, had short vacations in August. During their absence nearby doctors attended to their practices. These two were lucky, as fewer doctors took their vacation this summer than for several years. The general practitioner, and, particularly, the country one, is not in a position this year to take his usual vacation.



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The October issue of the BULLETIN will be its special Annual Meeting number. It will include the Minutes of the Executive, of the Society, the Presidential Address, the Secretary's Report (upon which was based the agenda for business), reports of Committees, etc. In view of the very striking report of the BULLETIN Editorial Board, the business Editor has been compelled to, as far as possible, clear up his desk of accumulated matters for publication. It will be noted that both the July and August issues, as well as this September number, are much in excess of the usual number of pages.

"Is Recovered" is the reading of the following newspaper despatch in a Halifax Daily—"Ninety-eight pounds of happiness tumbled off an early morning train at Pasadena, Cal.; and when the cameraman investigated he found it was Renee Adoree, the petite screen star, back home again after her desert rendezvous with death. Renee has entirely recovered from a long siege of illness in an Arizona Sanitarium." The "desert rendezvous with death. in an Arizona Sanitarium" was held at Prescott, Arizona, at the Sanitarium of Dr. John W. Flinn, a native of Wallace, N. S., and so well known to many Nova Scotia practitioners. Mrs. S. L. Walker, wife of the General Secretary, is a sister of Mrs. Flinn and spent several months with her last winter in Prescott.

Dr. Hugh A. Fraser, son of Rev. A. L. Fraser formerly of St. John's Church, Halifax, following his graduation at Dalhousie in 1929, and a three years' service at the Cleveland Charity Hospital, has located in Halifax with office on Quinpool Road.

Dr. E. K. Woodroffe, Oakfield, N. S., a 1931 graduate of Toronto University, after a post-graduate Internship of a year has located in Canning, N. S. He has the office formerly occupied by Dr. K. A. Baird, who removed some time ago to Saint John, N. B.

Dr. M. A. Curry of Saint John, son and daughter, were motor visitors Sept. 10-15 at their former home in Halifax.

Dr. H. D. Reid, Dalhousie 1924, now on the strength of the State of West Virginia Department of Health, recently spent a short vacation at his former home Middle Musquodoboit, where he practiced for several years.

Our friend Dr. Hugh McK. MacLean, Dalhousie 1928, of Moncton, appears recently as more or less interested in the marriage of Miss Beatty of Saint John to W. N. Wickwire of Halifax, son of the late Hon. H. H. Wickwire of Kentville. Dr. MacLean was one of the ushers at the service, but his wife Mrs. MacLean, attended the bride as her sister.

The BULLETIN regrets to learn that early in September, Dr. F. C. Lavers of New Ross was admitted as a patient to the Victoria General Hospital. For 41 years Dr. Lavers has practiced in that community and all hope that his hospital stay will be mostly in the nature of a change and rest.

The marriage took place at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sept. 14th, 1932 of Miss Sylvia Shore, daughter of Captain and Mrs. H. B. Shore, Belvedere Apts., Halifax, to Dr. Arthur Lister Murphy, son of Hon. G. H. Murphy, and Mrs. Murphy, Carleton St., Halifax. Dr. Gerald R. Burns gave necessary support to the groom. Following a motor trip through the province the newly-weds will reside at their home, corner of Robie and Inglis St., Halifax.

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Dr. E. K. Woodruff, who has recently located at Canning is a son of Rev. S. J. Woodruff who was formerly an Anglican Clergyman at Church Street. The Doctor will thus be among former friends.

The *Evening News* announces that Dr. Charles Spiro, McGill 1923, who has been doing Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat work in New Glasgow for the past six or seven years, is leaving New Glasgow the first of October to reside in Windsor, Ontario. At a recent stag party in his honor Dr. V. H. T. Parker made a neat speech and presented the doctor with a parting gift,—a fitted travelling bag. It is reported that, "The sentiments expressed and the concrete evidence of their genuineness were deeply appreciated by Dr. Spiro." The BULLETIN wishes him success in his new field of service.

The marriage took place in September of Dr. C. O. Homans of Hubbards to Miss Edna McLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil McLean of that place. Dr. Homans is a son of Stephen Homans of Clam Harbor and a graduate of Dalhousie in 1926. He has been in practice at Caledonia, for two or three years at Clam Harbor, and is now located at Hubbards. Congratulations.

Dr. J. P. McGrath, President of the Kentville Rotary Club attended the recent District No. 32 Convention held at Shediac, N. B.

Dr. S. H. Keshen of Halifax is an enthusiastic supporter of athletic sports and is now concerned as Director of the first annual Halifax County Boys' Athletic Championship meet staged on the Exhibition Grounds September 10th. This meet has the endorsement of the local Y. M. C. A.

A recent writer in the Kentville local paper recalls that 50 odd years ago the doctors then in practice there were, H. B. Webster, Henri Shaw, and W. Gibson. We think there were more.

Dr. H. L. Scammel of the Victoria General Hospital staff, managed in August to get some holidays which, of course, he and Mrs. Scammel spent in Pictou County.

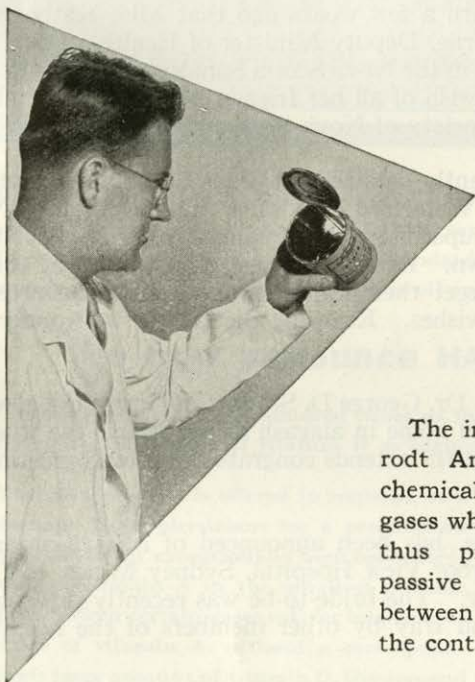
Dr. S. A. Fulton of Truro, accompanied by Mrs. Fulton and their son Allan spent their two weeks' vacation in August at Kepoch, P. E. I.

Dr. H. V. Kent of Truro and Mrs. Kent went on an extended trip to the Pacific Coast early in August and visited many cities and many friends before they returned home.

"We have had a most pleasant and profitable time and everywhere have been welcomed by the Old Country medical men as well as by city officials." So wrote one member of the party from Nova Scotia. The BULLETIN extends an invitation to all those who took this trip to tell of their impressions in early issues of our journal.

Dr. Alfred Salter, M.P., observes that temperance societies tend to overlap. They should lap in moderation."

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The BULLETIN regretted to learn a few weeks ago that Miss Katheryne Byrne, daughter of Dr. T. Ives Byrne, Deputy Minister of Health, and Mrs. Byrne of Dartmouth, was a patient in the Nova Scotia Sanatorium. That she will make an ideal recovery is the wish of all her friends, those of the family and the members of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia.

We notice that Banns were recently published in Glace Bay that evidently involved Dr. W. E. Fultz of New Waterford, and Miss Anne McNeil, R.N., daughter of our very dear friends Superintendent of Mines, Mr. A. S. McNeil and his good wife of the same town. Being the guest many times at their hospitable home we can never forget their kindness and constant courtesy and Miss Anne has our very best wishes. Knowing the Doctor we wonder if she will need them.

Our good friend of many years, Dr. George D. Stewart of New York spent a short vacation this year at his old home in Inverness as per usual the guest of a very proud mother. The BULLETIN extends congratulations and greetings to both of them.

Informally the marriage to be, has been announced of Miss Margaret McLeod, R.N., of the staff of Harbor View Hospital, Sydney Mines, to Dr. W. T. McKeough of North Sydney. The bride-to-be was recently presented with a handsome silver service and tray by other members of the hospital staff.

An exceedingly interesting feature of the BULLETIN for November will be the personal accounts of several of our members as to their impressions of the recent British Medical Association Centenary Meeting at which there was registered from Nova Scotia more than twenty-five medical men and their wives or daughters.

We still have to hear from Dr. Farish, Patton, and Morton, (but the latter will appear later), but they will be available and their contributions, with the others, will be very greatly appreciated.

In case you were unable to attend the Dalhousie Refresher Course this year you might bear in mind that the Graduate Fortnight of the New York Academy of Medicine will be held this year from October 17th to the 28th. There is no charge for attendance but registration is necessary for the hospital demonstration clinics. Programmes and registration blanks may be obtained from the New York Academy of Medicine, 2 East 103rd Street.

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The Whitsun holidays arrived, and the old man in the railway carriage had been staring at the bottle in the hand of a convivial Scottish passenger.

"I am seventy years of age," he said, "and I have never tasted a drop of whiskey!"

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Not only the apple orchards in Western Nova Scotia suffered from the September gales, but the T. B. annex at St. Martha's Hospital, Antigonish, had an eight plank scaffolding around its cupola lifted and blown 100 feet away. Good progress is being made with the construction of this annex.



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