

## TORONTO MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The Society met at 8 p. m., Feb. 12th, Dr. Riddell, Vice-President, in the chair.

Dr. Graham presented two patients.

## I. Progressive Muscular Atrophy.

R. D., æt 48, a fisherman 20 years, and much exposed to wet and cold; a moderate drinker and a heavy smoker. About May 15th, 1879, noticed the thumb of right hand beginning to get weak; while painting could not hold the paint-brush well, but could row during the summer. About Oct. 14th began to lose power in index finger of same hand, and soon after in remaining fingers. About Jan. 1st, 1880, noticed right arm getting weaker, and the commencement of twitchings in the affected muscles. About Jan. 15th noticed thumb of the left hand becoming affected. Has no lack of sensation in any part of body, and no pain. He gets tired more easily than he used to. Is fairly well nourished, but muscles of right arm are perceptibly wasted. There is a great deal of twitching of the muscular fibres present. This can be excited by striking the muscles, or by the application of electricity. No such vibrations can be excited in the muscles which should form the ball of the right thumb. His eyes become tired more easily than they used to. Pupils small, and do not respond very readily to light.

## II. Ménière's Disease; or, Aural Vertigo (supposed to be).

F. B., æt 42, born in Germany, a carpenter. On Jan. 14th, 1880, fell 24ft. from a scaffold, landing on his left side and head. His shoulder was bruised, and he received a scalp wound over prominence of left parietal bone. There was a slight sero-sanguinolent discharge from the left ear, which increased for a few days, but ceased Feb. 5th. After the accident, was taken to General Hospital and discharged Jan. 23rd. On Jan. 25th suddenly had a fainting feeling, with dizziness, and would have fallen forward if he had not seized some neighbouring object for support. Since then this feeling manifests itself several times a day, and lasts from a few seconds to one minute. If he looks at some object above his head, or lies down on his left side, he is seized with this fainting feeling; but if he lies

on his right side it does not come on. There is never any loss of consciousness, no implication of speech, no convulsive movements, no impairment of vision, no nausea; feels as well after the attack as he did before. Attacks come on at irregular intervals, and are equal in their intensity. Has a noise in his left ear occasionally, which sounds like that produced by the waves of a rough sea: this comes generally after an attack. The hearing is very much impaired on left side. Was re-admitted to hospital Jan. 25th. Since then taking Potas. Bromid, gr. xii. to the dose. Attacks are becoming less frequent. Dr. Reeve on examining patient found hearing not absolutely lost on left side. He suggested that there might be an affection of the middle ear, producing pressure on the contents of the labyrinth through the fenestræ.

Dr. Covernton reported a case of Facial Erysipelas in a male adult. It appeared to be a very slight attack, and patient was apparently quite well in all other respects, but had a persistent temperature of 102° for several days.

Dr. Cameron exhibited a specimen of contracted large intestine, taken from a man who had died from phthisis.

Also cerebellum and liver, showing tumours supposed to be gummata, taken from B. E., æt 37, male, who died in hospital. He had been ill about 2½ years, the first symptom being a very persistent pain in the head, which to a certain extent continued throughout his illness. He also had pleurisy and pneumonia. No distinct history of syphilis had ever been made out, but he for some time received specific treatment.

Dr. Reeve exhibited a dentaphone.

At a meeting Feb. 26th, Dr. Palmer was elected a member of the society.

Dr. Gahan read an interesting paper on Pyæmia, in which he discussed the different theories as to its pathology.

## OBITUARIES.

The English journals announce the death of Sir Dominic Corrigan, Mr. Hancock, and Dr. Budd. Dr. J. Lockhart Clarke died on January 25th.