

treated at first by mechanical support to secure rest and prevent deformity. Later, division of contracted parts, with careful after-treatment, should be practiced.

Dr. Hoffa said that cases of foetal origin have, immediately after birth, an atrophy of the face and head.

Dr. Whitman thought that the asymmetry of the face and head was a late feature of torticollis due to muscular action on the growing bones.

#### SACRO-ILIAC DISEASE.

Dr. Lee said the sequence of events is as follows: (1) injury of the synchondrosis, (2) subacute inflammation, (3) irritation of the nerves of the joint transmitted to the nearest plexus, and (4) resulting pain in the sciatic. The sciatica should be considered the result, not the cause, of all the troubles. In nine cases out of ten neuralgia is the effect and not the cause of any trouble. As stooping in sacro-iliac disease is injurious, he had devised a handy instrument with which the patient can pick up an object from the floor while remaining erect.

Dr. Benjamin Lee of Philadelphia was elected President, and Dr. John Ridlon of New York Secretary, for the ensuing year.

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#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON (18TH).

The President took the chair at 2.45 P.M.

Minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

Continuation of Dr. Alloway's paper.

Dr. Wm. Gardner has often performed the operation, but prefers the older operation of Emmet's when it can be done, although the operations are not interchangeable. When the cervix has undergone extensive cystic degeneration he would remove the diseased portion by a wedge-shaped incision, having the diseased surface correspond to the base of the wedge and then bring the edges together.

Dr. Laphorn Smith thinks there are advantages to be claimed for the newer operation, namely, that the elongated portion of the cervix that tended to press injuriously against the posterior vaginal wall was removed, and that tension was more effectually relieved.

Dr. Alloway replied. He also exhibited wax models illustrating the uterus before and after the operation, and also the different steps of the operation.