

forceps during his term (1 in 10½ cases), including 169 cases in which the os was not fully dilated, and head was at or above the brim. Dr. Temple showed the good results from the use of the instrument in his practice, both to mothers and children; but thought that caution and care should be exercised in undertaking "the high operation," especially by unskilled obstetricians. He considered, however, that in properly chosen cases it was preferable to any of its alternatives.

The President, Drs. Fulton, Cameron, A. H. Wright and several other members joined in a discussion on the subject, which was closed by a reply from Dr. Temple.

At a meeting Dec. 18th, Dr. Oldright showed some specimens which had been kept in the new German preserving fluid—the lungs of a sheep for four weeks, and a piece of beef six weeks. They were in a good state of preservation, retaining their colour, and were not hardened. (The composition of the fluid is given in another column of this issue.)

Dr. Grasett presented spinal cord and rectum taken from a patient who had died in the Hospital. Unable to get a complete history, but found that the patient, after an exposure to wet and cold a few months ago, was suddenly seized with paraplegia, with its ordinary symptoms. Tenderness existed at one point in spine. Diagnosis, Spinal Meningitis with perhaps Myelitis. The cord showed thickening of membranes and substance at point where tenderness had existed during life. The rectum was much reduced in size throughout its whole extent; no cause discovered.

Dr. White reported a case in practice—A boy aged 16, very weak and anæmic, subject to self-abuse, had ankylosis of left hip-joint, contraction of the adductor muscles, drawing one thigh across the other. Treatment: cutting the tendons of adductor longus, semimembranosus, semitendinosus, and finally that of the biceps, and keeping the patient in a case for a time. This was done last spring. The deformity was removed, and the general health improved for a time; but he is failing again, and not likely to live many months.

Dr. Grasett reported a case somewhat similar, but occurring in a vigorous, healthy boy. The

lower limbs were crossed by the contraction the adductors, and the tendons having been cut, the boy is improving rapidly, and is now nearly his normal healthy condition. The boy was a masturbator, but the doctor could not determine whether this was the cause or not.

Dr. C. K. Clark, of the Toronto Asylum, then read a paper on Epilepsy, treating principally of the disease as observed by him among lunatics. He gave histories of a number of interesting cases which had come under his observation, and described symptoms, treatment, and post-mortem appearances.

### Miscellaneous.

CANADIANS IN ENGLAND.—T. H. ASHLEY, M.B., Toronto; F. S. Greenwood, M.D., McGill, and J. W. Wright, M.D., McGill, have been admitted Licentiates of the Royal College of Physicians of London.

HÆMORRHOIDS—METHOD OF CONTROLLING HÆMORRHAGE.—Take a cone-shaped piece of sponge and make it hollow; then pass a string from the inside through the side of the sponge over the apex of the cone, and return it to the cavity in the sponge. It is then to be slightly moistened, compressed, and pushed up as high as possible in the rectum on the tip of the finger. Pieces of lint are then to be carried in until the cavity in the sponge is filled. As soon as filled, traction is to be made on the string when the sponge will spread out and press against the side of the rectum. In this way the flow of blood upwards is prevented. Then place a large piece of oiled lint over the anus and cleft of the nates, pack the cleft with cotton and secure over it by a T-bandage a compress. The sponge may be left thirty-six or forty-eight hours.—*New York Medical Record.*

### Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

#### MARRIED.

At Oshawa, on Nov. 13th, J. C. Ray, M. D., Sunderland, to Ellen, fourth daughter of John Hylan Esq., of Oshawa.

#### DIED.

At Toronto, on Nov. 26th, Dr. D. J. Pollock.  
At Collingwood, on Nov. 28th, Dr. Moberley, aged 67.  
At Flint, Michigan, on Nov. 23rd, Joseph C. Small, brother of Dr. Small, of Toronto.  
On November 24th, at 174 Simcoe Street, Toronto, Captain Robert Henry Russell, father of J. B. Russell, M.D.