

urine, from being very dark and fœtid, became normal in color and odor on the second day. The prostate was found to be very large and hard. Massage was practiced night and morning, as recommended by Dr. Sheppard, and the urine began to pass *via naturalis* at the end of third week. Removed drainage tube at the proper time—the massage being continued. A scrotal hernia, which had existed for some time, was reduced and a truss applied. Patient now in good health.

Dr. Graham reported having, with Dr. Holmes, aspirated a case above the pubis some fourteen years ago.

Dr. Campbell reported a case of compound fracture of the left leg—middle third—successfully treated without suppuration by iodoform.

Dr. Smith (Seaforth) reported three cases of nævi of considerable size, treated by the thermocautery, illustrating the operation by passing the red-hot iron into a fold of paper, and moving it slowly around to show that the anastomosing vessels were completely destroyed. The treatment was entirely successful, and the cicatrix in each case was trifling.

Dr. Green mentioned a case cured by the galvanic current.

Dr. Graham (Brussels) reported asymmetry, one of Dr. Owens, Land, and the other his own.

#### DR. OWENS' CASE.

Left arm.....  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch lo  
 " foot.....  $\frac{1}{2}$  "  
 " ear..... large.  
 " lower extremity...  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. l.

#### DR. GRAHAM'S CASE.

	Left.	Right.	Difference.
Cir. of forearm..	6 in.	$6\frac{1}{2}$ in.	$\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Length of arm..	$16\frac{1}{2}$ in.	$17\frac{1}{2}$ in.	$\frac{1}{2}$ in.
" leg.....	$18\frac{1}{2}$ in.	20 in.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ in.
Cir. of thigh....	$11\frac{3}{4}$ in.	13 in.	$1\frac{1}{4}$ in.
Length of foot..	$6\frac{1}{2}$ in.	$6\frac{3}{4}$ in.	$\frac{1}{4}$ in.

Dr. Graham also exhibited the stomach of a female who had committed suicide by taking four drachms of nearly pure carbolic acid. The corrosive action of the poison had the effect of contracting the circular fibres and throwing the mucous membrane into longitudinal folds similar to the tucks in a garment. The Dr. also showed the (comma) bacillus of Koch. Dr.

McDonagh reported a very interesting case of hypertrophy of the vocal cords, which occurred in Vienna, and treated by him while there. The difficulty was produced by the patient swallowing a small bone, and although the probang was used an abscess resulted, followed by aphonia. The treatment consisted in first producing anæsthesia of the larynx with cocaine, and then applying chromic acid by the aid of the laryngoscope to the hypertrophied cords.

Election of officers was then proceeded with for the ensuing year:—President, Dr. Campbell, Seaforth; Vice-Pres., Dr. Young, Londesboro; Secretary, Dr. Worthington, Clinton.

It was resolved to hold the meetings for the ensuing year alternately at Clinton and Seaforth.

Votes of thanks were passed to the directors and caretaker of the Institute Rooms.

There being a little time Dr. Campbell reported an interesting case of puerperal eclampsia successfully treated by pilocarpine hypodermically, in connection with morph. sulph. in same way at intervals, producing profuse sweating and controlling the convulsions. The amount of each used was  $\frac{1}{4}$  grain.

#### HAMILTON MEDICAL AND SURGICAL SOCIETY.

Regular monthly meeting of the Hamilton Medical and Surgical Society held at the Royal Hotel.

After ~~the~~ routine business, Drs. McCargow and F. E. Woolverton were elected ~~pathological representatives for the Society to the City Hospital.~~ *ap, pc*

Dr. H. S. Griffin showed a case of a young man from whose knee he had removed a loose cartilage. Had felt pain in right knee from childhood. Had never had rheumatism or sickness of any kind. *freely*

The body was ~~very~~ *freely* movable and difficult to retain in any one position: about the size of a hickory nut. On December 20th the cartilage was removed by making a straight incision on inner side of knee; under the spray. No difficulty was experienced. The wound was dressed