

after called to see the child, whose respirations were down to four per minute, with other symptoms of collapse. It, however, recovered.

The President, Dr. N. A. Powell, thought the application of equal parts of lanolin and vaseline, with oil of cinnamon (it has been shown to be an antiseptic in proportion of 1-2000), very useful as a preventive.

Dr. J. Spence asked if a child should be permitted to nurse from a breast in which there is an abscess.

Dr. A. B. Atherton doubted if preparatory treatment does any good. As to prophylaxis against abscess, he thought well of belladonna plaster, which, if used within 24 to 48 hours after caking commences, will prevent it. After it has been necessary to resort to surgical measure, he has found a large wet sponge the best means of keeping up compression.

Dr. Wright, in reply, said that a child should not nurse where there is a glandular abscess. He thought the free use of Epsom salts of importance, though sometimes it is unnecessary to continue their use more than a day or two; he has never found them harmful to the infant. As to nipple shields, though he has no particular favorite, he thinks it very essential that they should be proper-fitting.

The meeting then adjourned.

Medical Items.

DR. JOHN ROSS, of Embro, has been appointed an associate coroner for the county of Oxford.

DR. WORTHINGTON, of Clinton, died February 7th. An obituary notice will appear in our next issue.

DR. A. WILLS, of Belleville, has been appointed medical officer of the Northwest Mounted Police.

THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE.—At the annual meeting held January 5th, Dr. D. B. St. John Roosa was elected president.

DR. WILLIAM CANNIFF has returned to Toronto, after having spent about eight months in Texas, where he went to recuperate on account of poor health. His friends will be glad to learn that he has quite recovered, and shows by his appearance that he has regained the vigor that used to characterize him in years gone by. He has resumed practice in Toronto, and will confine himself chiefly to office and consultation work. He will also devote special attention to sanitary matters.

THE French Society of Electropathy is about to manage a yearly exhibition, which will take place on Friday and Saturday of Easter week in 1893.