

of the neck were pulsating along the centre of the cavity, the tumor having been resting directly over them.

The two large flaps of capsule were now cut off with scissors, and a large piece of skin removed from the posterior flap. The wound was well irrigated with perchloride solution and the skin flaps sutured.

The subsequent history was an uneventful recovery, the temperature never rising above normal, and the patient left for his home on the tenth day.

The tumor was light in proportion to its size, weighing 6½ pounds. It was solid, containing no cysts, of a very soft consistence, with a few small islets of cartilage here and there. No microscopical examination was made, but from its appearance I would consider it to be probably a fibro-myxenchondroma. From its situation and the fact of its not being connected with the parotid, it may possibly be of bronchial origin.

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A NEW DEPARTURE.

On Wednesday evening, March 27th, the medical men of Vancouver formed themselves into an association for the promotion of science and the general regulation of matters concerning the well-being and prosperity of the profession.

The following practitioners were present at the meeting: Drs. Wilson, Carroll, Langis, Poole, McGuigan, Weld, Brouse, Philpot, Brydon-Jack, Mills, Tunstall, Bell-Irving and Herald.

The following officers were elected: President, Dr. Bell-Irving; Vice-President, Dr. Tunstall; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Herald. The entrance fee was placed at \$1, and the annual dues \$2. The annual meeting will take place on the first Thursday of October, and the other meetings will be held on the first Thursday of January, April and July.

It was about time that something was done for the purpose of bringing the medical men together, for it is years since any attempt has been made to maintain anything like an association, and the result has been that the practitioners of medicine in the Terminal City have been a disorganized host, though to their credit be it said, as a class they have acted honorably, hurt nobody and have

given everyone his due, thus fulfilling the broad spirit of the Justinian code in its entirety.

That they have kept themselves in touch with the steady progress of knowledge, isolated as they were from each other, is another thing; but because they have not figured in the pages of the *ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL*, or, in fact, in any other medical publication on the face of the globe, it must not be inferred that they are behind the times in the same degree and proportion as they are unknown away from home. Their ambitions have been principally directed to the acquisition of what has been profanely called the almighty dollar; but most of them are now, if not wealthy, at least independent, and will have leisure in future to cultivate the more purely scientific and intellectual sides of their mental organizations. The contest for wealth out west is sharp and keen while it lasts, but it is soon over, ending, as some diseases are said to do, by a crisis, the individual succumbing altogether or bobbing up serenely "somewhat disfigured, but still in the ring." So it is with our physicians on this western slope: if they have suffered somewhat intellectually by their devotion to the more sordid side of their profession, and might compare indifferently with those in the large educational centres of the east in mere book learning, they are, as a rule, more ready in resources acquired by being thrown more on their individual exertions, and what is probably something to be considered, too, they have, in the words of the old song of the three sailor boys—"their pockets full of money." We have gold medallists and honor men in Vancouver from some of the finest universities and schools of medicine in the world, and if they have been hiding their talents in the earth it is for the reasons we have spoken of; and now that a medical association is formed it may be confidently expected that brain power will make itself felt and genius burst the ignoble bonds that have shackled it heretofore. The gold medallists will wake up and find probably that, like old Rip Van Winkle, they have been sleeping for twenty years through the soporific influence exerted on their senses by the paralyzing draught which, in their thirst for wealth, they have emptied to the dregs.

But there is yet another side to this subject which has not yet been touched upon, and which by no means should be lost sight of, viz., the social