

Society Reports.

Toronto Clinical Society.

(APRIL MEETING.)

THE motion made two months ago with regard to those Fellows in arrears, that their names should be dropped from the list, was put to the meeting and unanimously carried.

Osteotomy.—Dr. KING presented a paper and also a patient, on whom he had performed an osteotomy for ununited fracture. The patient had sustained a fracture of the tibia near the ankle of the right leg, a railroad car having passed over the joint. The fracture was put up in a box-splint, with a pad under the lower end of the upper fragment. Although compound comminuted the wound healed; but the ankle was stiff and the leg movable at the seat of fracture. He removed a wedge-shaped piece of the tibia and a portion of the fibula. A perfect recovery ensued. He asked how much deformity was due to contraction of the tendo-achilles, and how much to the presence of the pad under the lower end of the upper fragment.

Dr. ATHERTON said that the ankylosis was, no doubt, due to the extension of the inflammation from the seat of fracture. He understood that the tendo-achilles had been divided in the operation described; he thought that would hardly have been necessary when such a portion of the bones had been removed.

Dr. MACFARLANE asked if both bones were broken at the same level.

Dr. KING replied that they were.

Dr. FOTHERINGHAM thought that the good result obtained was one that would not have been thought of, occurring fifteen or twenty years ago. Then, most likely, amputation would have been done at the time of the injury.

Dr. MACFARLANE said that fifteen or twenty years ago they were guided much in the same way as they were to-day in such cases. If there were signs of circulation in the limb below the fracture, they tried to save the limb. The results now were more favorable, owing to the advance in antisepsis. As to what effect the pad had on the deformity it was difficult to say. It had been used, no doubt, to protect the heel, and was partially accountable for the deformity, but he considered that the contraction of the tendo-achilles was the major factor in its causation.

A Case of Periodic Hæmaturia.—By Dr. BAINES. (See page 169.)

Dr. ATHERTON thought the swelling of the abdomen must be connected with the kidney in some way. One would think the enlarge-