

Society Proceedings.

MONTREAL MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.

Stated Meeting, April 12, 1901.

J. W. STIRLING, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

Tendon Grafting for Paralysis following Anterior Poliomyelitis.

DR. A. MACKENZIE FORBES showed a patient upon whom he had performed an operation for a foot-drop from infantile paralysis, and read a report of the case. See page 352 of the May number.

DR. G. E. ARMSTRONG had not had any personal experience of this kind of work, but thought that the result here promised to be favourable. He suggested that it would be of interest to have the case shown a year hence.

DR. W. H. HAMILTON asked whether the nutrition of the muscles was affected so that healing was not so rapid as ordinarily.

DR. FORBES replied that the cases which had come under his notice had healed nicely.

Excision of One-half of the Tongue.

DR. G. E. ARMSTRONG exhibited a patient from whom he had excised half the tongue for cancer. He stated that the majority of text-books condemned in a wholesale manner all partial operations for cancer of the tongue. Since, however, the publication by Butlin of his work reporting the removal of only half, the speaker had adopted the same method. Butlin's arguments were that recurrence after removal of the whole tongue was either in the cicatrix or in the glands on the same side as the disease and never in the opposite side. Thus one could get as far behind the disease in removing half as in removing the whole. Mr. Treves had raised the objection that the half of the tongue left was useless for speech, mastication, or swallowing, as it became dry, hard and curved like a parrot's tongue. Dr. Armstrong pointed out the incorrectness of this, as the remaining half in his cases, notably in the patient shown, came to lie in the centre of the floor of the mouth, did not tend to curl up and was quite moist and performed its functions well.

The technique of the operation was described, and several departures from the method advised by Mr. Butlin were described in detail. A full report will be published later.