

value, allowing flatus to escape. In these cases the wounds healed by first intention, although Allingham says it is almost impossible to prevent feces from getting into the wound.

Dr. A. Primrose stated that one reason fistulæ often did badly was because all their branches were not reached and scraped at the time of operation. He thought the method suggested in the paper might be applied in treating other fistulæ. He had treated a fistula in the perineum which extended in to the ischium in this way with success.

**Spinal Caries—Laminectomy for Cord-pressure** was the title of a paper by Drs. D. C. Meyers and A. Primrose.

Dr. Meyers said that in the three generations of patient's family a case of Pott's disease existed. The girdle pains, changes in the reflexes and sensory disturbances, were referred to. The appearance of kyphosis confirmed the diagnosis.

Dr. Primrose presented charts after Quain, showing the sensory areas and the relation of the exit of the nerves to the bodies and laminae of the vertebra; also chart showing transverse and vertical sections of the body through the abscess. A detailed description of the operation was given. Patient did well for some weeks, when meningitis supervened, causing death. Material from the cavity showed the bacillus tuberculosis and a diplococcus. At post-mortem, examination was made of contents remaining. Cultures proved sterile.

Dr. Peters discussed the case.

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## Toronto Medical Society.

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THE regular meeting was held February 18th, in the Council building.

**Eye-strain.**—A case showing in a peculiarly marked manner the effects of eye-strain. A paper thus entitled was read by G. H. Burnham. The patient was fifty-eight years old. Twenty-eight years before he suffered for a year from severe pain in the left eye, temple, side and back of head, which gradually subsided, accompanied with nearly complete loss of sight in the affected eye. Recently a similar attack, lasting four weeks, was experienced in the other eye. Both fundi were normal. In the left there was a good deal of hyperopic astigmatism; in the right a small amount. Suitable glasses were ordered, but no medicine, which completely relieved the pain in the one and the sight in the other eye. The essayist thought that the