

characteristic patches of diphtheria were very prominent. The constitutional symptoms were very severe, and the recovery of the patient was not expected; but he slowly convalesced, and the paralysis became very noticeable. It is disappearing now very gradually with the use of *tr. ferri mur.* and *tr. nux vomica*. A point of interest in this case was the fact that, although it had occurred in a family of ten persons, living in most favorable quarters for the development of an epidemic, yet no second case had followed in the family. The doctor had ordered isolation of the other members of the family and disinfection, but his orders were not obeyed.

Dr. Chisholm, Wingham, said he had noticed that children who swallowed the membranes when it became dislodged from the throat were more frequently affected with diphtheritic paralysis.

Dr. Smith, Seaforth, related the history of a case of

DIABETES INSIPIDUS

under his care. The disease first appeared about five months ago, when the amount of urine passed was nine and ten pints daily. The amount was slowly increased, until in two months the amount voided daily averaged fourteen pints. The specific gravity in the early part of the disease was 1003 to 1005, and at no time could the presence of sugar be detected. Ergot, in doses of 30 minims of the fluid extract, had been given three times a day, also a pill containing a grain and a half of extract of belladonna and half a grain of opium daily, but these failed. Latterly, by using Clement's solution of bromide of arsenic in three-drop doses after each meal, and acid phosphoric dil., in small doses, to lessen the thirst, the quantity of urine had been lessened to five pints daily, with specific gravity of 1012. The patient's general health was improved, but the polyuria still continued, though not to as great an extent as formerly.

Dr. Mackenzie, Belgrave, read notes of an interesting case of

RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS,

occurring in a woman, aged 50 years. The knee was the joint involved. Although the

treatment of these cases was generally very unsatisfactory, a favorable result was reported from the use of arsenic, in gradually increased doses of Fowler's solution, until eight minims were taken after each meal. The Faradic current was also tried, with satisfaction in this case. The treatment in the latter part of the disease consisted of the administration of potass. iodide combined with liquor arsenicalis, and the case might now be pronounced cured, as the patient had been for some time free from any symptoms of the disease.

Dr. Mackid, Seaforth, exhibited a pathological specimen of a

FIBRO-CYSTIC TUMOR,

removed from the superior angle of the neck of a woman who had previously appeared at meeting of the Association. The case was then considered to be one of Hodgkin's disease, but latterly no improvement taking place a microscopic examination was made of a small section, and the growth proving to be fibro-cystic its removal was decided upon. The wound healed nicely by the first intention, and the patient is able to attend to her usual duties.

Dr. Worthington, Clinton, read a paper on

PUERPERAL FEVER

preceding delivery, and gave an interesting account of three cases which he had met with in practice, one of these being of recent occurrence. He was called to see a lady in the third month of pregnancy, and found hemorrhage from the uterus had been going on for ten hours, but without any labor pains. After prescribing complete rest and giving ergot in small doses the hemorrhage was lessened, and on making a digital examination the following morning the fœtus was found in a position to be removed, but the os uteri was rigid and undilatable. During the day the hemorrhage was slight, but during the following night it was increased, so that when called in the morning he found marked change in the patient's countenance. Nothing had come away and nothing could be detected upon examination, the os uteri being still rigid. While considering what course to pursue a severe chill came on and lasted for two hours. Decided at once to dilate the os, first using (without success) Barnes' dilator, and