

In the discussion that followed Drs. Taylor (Charlottetown) Berryman, Inches and James Christie all thought that some constitutional disturbance was present in cases of eczema and that it was necessary to resort to internal medication to effect a cure.



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November 1st. 1899. Meeting held at Halifax Hotel, a large number being present.

Dr. Farrell showed a case of resection of shoulder joint and urged importance of early movement in cases of operation and injury to the joints of this extremity. He particularly applied his remarks to cases of Colles' fracture and injury to the olecranon.

Dr. Ross commented on the case and referred to the differences of opinion among surgeons concerning fixation of joints after fracture. For instance, in cases where the elbow-joint is fixed, Southam, of Manchester, says at the end of two or three weeks, passive movement should be cautiously commenced. The writer on fractures in *Dennis' Surgery* says splints should never be removed before four weeks; and Mudd, of St. Louis, says passive motion before the bone is consolidated is out of place and dangerous.

Dr. M. A. B. Smith stated that Dr. Phelps advises the joints in these cases to be fixed for at least six weeks.

The President showed a case of keratitis hypopyon with severe ulceration due to injury. This was treated by applications of nitrate of silver and bichloride washes, and is rapidly healing.

The President also showed two other cases, one of traumatic dislocation of the lens into the anterior chamber in which he had operated in consequence of the opacity of the lens, and the other a case of chronic non-inflammatory glaucoma. The importance of early diagnosis in these cases was impressed upon the members, as many cases escape the notice of the general practitioner.

Dr. Murphy reported a method of sterilizing medium sized catgut by four per cent. formalin solution, afterwards boiling the catgut.

Dr. Farrell exhibited a crochet hook for removing stitches from sinuses.