

the subject which pointed out the duties which, by the Act, are laid upon the Board to carry out such investigations, and by a series of facts regarding the past imperfect work of the Board in this respect, showed the necessity of the Board being placed in a position as regards laboratory work and a money grant for carrying on such work in the interest of the municipalities of the Province. The report was adopted, and estimates to be submitted, amounting to \$3,000 additional to the past year's estimates, were recommended.

Dr. Oldright, the delegate appointed by the Board to attend the Memphis Meeting of the American Public Health Association, presented an extended and interesting report on the important matters discussed there, many of which were referred to at length in his letter to MEDICAL SCIENCE in the January number. The Board then adjourned till 10.30 a.m. on Saturday.

The Board met at 10.30 a.m., Dr. Cassidy, in the absence of Dr. Rae, taking the chair. The minutes as amended were adopted, after which the report of the Committee on Legislation was presented. Dr. Cassidy then presented a report from the Committee on Publication, recommending that the scope of the Monthly Health Bulletin be extended, and that the various materials for publication in the annual report be approved. Dr. Macdonald thereafter presented a report of the Committee on sewerage *re* "Muddy Run" sewage investigation, at Niagara Falls. The report was adopted. Dr. Yeomans then presented a report on his inspection of the Ontario Vaccine Farm, at Palmerston. He briefly described the satisfactory methods which are adopted by Dr. Stewart, the care exercised in taking off the lymph, and the method of drying and preserving the *points* as recommended by Dr. Bryce.

The secretary presented a partial report of returns in answer to a circular issued to Medical Health officers. The report was received.

The estimates for the work of the coming year were, after discussion, approved of and the Board finally adjourned.

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STATED MEETINGS, *January 5th, 1888.*

The President, Dr. Nevitt, in the chair.

The Secretary, Dr. Wishart, presented a case of alopecia areata in a man about 30 years of age. Dr. McPhedran, whose case it was, had been unable to

obtain any history pointing to the cause. The skin was not thinned and sensation was unimpaired. The area affected seemed unlimited. Several members considered it probably parasitic in origin.

January 12th.

Cases in Practice.—Dr. Graham related the following history of a case of obstruction where operation was followed by death in three days from uræmia. This case was received into the hospital on the 21st December, 1887, presenting a collapsed appearance—pulse 96, abdominal pain and tenderness, with stercoraceous vomiting. He was well up to three days previous, when he was seized with vomiting after a heavy breakfast. The abdomen was distended and tympanitic, with a small nodule above the external ring on the left side. No pain or tenderness here. Urine examined carefully—normal, no diabetic symptoms. Heart sounds normal.

Ether was administered very sparingly, and the intestine returned. Little trace of peritonitis was discovered. Bowels moved daily after the operation. As stated, death followed in three days with uræmic symptoms.

Post mortem.—Bowels normal. Intense cirrhosis of the kidneys.

It was suggested by Dr. McPhedran that the deleterious effects of the ether upon the diseased kidneys produced the fatal result.

Dr. Graham also related the following history of a case of Graves' disease: A lawyer, *æt* 56. Disease begun twelve years ago and about two after marriage, with marked enlargement of the thyroid gland. Dyspnoic attacks began only about two months ago. Emaciation present with prominence of eyeballs. The gland was irregularly enlarged. Heart's action increased. Systolic bruit heard on line of third costal cartilage and down the sternum but not toward the apex. The patient was seized with retching after a hard day's work, and died in a few days.

January 19th.

Dr. Graham exhibited specimens and gave the following notes of a case of cirrhotic kidney with extensive hypertrophy and dilatation of the heart: J.B., *æt* 39, married; occupation, potter. Entered the hospital December 20th, 1887. Family history good.

Personal history: Had ague ten years ago, from which he had suffered six years. Since that time health had been good until two years ago, when he