

Dr. WESLEY MILLS drew attention to the dilatation of the colon sometimes occurring in the insane which he attributed to their inattention and want of regularity in their habits, together with the dulness of their senses. He referred to one case reported by him in a paper on hibernation where the dilatation was evidently produced by accumulation of faecal matter.

### **Ambulatory Lobar Pneumonia.**

Dr. G. G. CAMPBELL reported this case. (See page 551.)

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GEORGE WILKINS, M.D., PRESIDENT IN THE CHAIR.

### **Impetigo Contagiosa.**

Dr. G. E. ARMSTRONG reported this case as follows:

This young man was admitted to the Montreal General Hospital on the 12th November, 1896. He is nineteen years of age and single.

This rash is now, as the result of treatment, much less distinct than on admission. It appeared first about six weeks before he was admitted to the hospital. It was first noticed, on the lower part of the abdomen, then on the buttocks, afterwards extending to the lower extremities. A little later it appeared on the arms and in the axillæ. The back, chest and face have almost entirely escaped. In its geographical distribution then, it does not follow any special order, except that it is most abundant on those parts of the body, most likely to be infected by the patient himself in scratching. It has from the first been intensely itchy. No parasites were found on his body or clothing. He has lived in a rather crowded boarding house, but no other inmates of the house have suffered from any skin disease so far as he knows.

He is a leather cutter by trade, and has generally been in fairly good health. Uses alcohol and tobacco. Has had three attacks of gonorrhœa within the last twelve months, the last attack appearing fifteen days ago. There is no rheumatic or tubercular history.

The rash appears at first as slightly elevated papules which are very itchy, and after the irritation of scratching develop into pustules, and these rupture and form these thick crusts which you see. Several of them may be seen running together. The flexor and extensor surfaces seem to be about equally affected. The glands in the groin and the epitrochlear glands are enlarged. When admitted to the hospital the lower abdomen, buttocks and thighs were one mass of scabs. There was also a scab about the middle of the dorsum of the penis.