

SURGEONS FINISH THEIR SESSIONS

Closing Meeting at Y. M. C. I. on Saturday Afternoon Deals With Scientific Matters.

At the afternoon session on Saturday of the Maritime section of the American College of Surgeons, matters scientific were dealt with. Dr. W. W. White presided and addresses were delivered by Dr. G. C. VanWart, Fredericton; Dr. W. W. Chipman, Montreal; Dr. G. A. B. Addy, St. John; and Dr. L. G. Pineault, Campbellton. This meeting, which was held in the Y. M. C. I. building concluded the sessions.

Dr. VanWart based his remarks on the diagnosis and surgical treatment of the gall-bladder from gall stones. He went into the matter of treatment following diagnosis and time of operating. He urged early operations before complications set in.

Dr. W. W. Chipman, of Montreal, professor of gynecology and obstetrics at McGill, gave an address on obstetrics. Motherhood, he said, was a hazardous undertaking, and the price was high. Obstetrics should be the first consideration of the medical profession, unfortunately it was among the last. Clinical instruction in the subject was not inaugurated until as late as 1850. Statistics in Great Britain showed that five women died out of every thousand maternally cases. In the registration area of the United States last year there were 11,500 deaths from a childbearing.

Five deaths per thousand might not seem too high a price to pay, but it must be remembered that the total deaths per thousand from all causes in the average community was fifteen. The mothers paid a full third of the price.

Ninety per cent of all the mothers in America had no prenatal care, forty per cent were attended by unqualified persons. The mortality among mothers was only second to that caused by tuberculosis. Half the number of deaths were caused by

sepsis, or infection. This fact could carry only one conclusion, that there was neglect or ignorance in handling the cases. Medical science and skill should be

concentrated at the gateway of life, the great life immigration. Treatment in most cases must be at home, and it was to the home that skilled assistants, the competent doctor, the well-trained nurse, must be sent. This was missionary service in its highest form. The training must be broad, practical and sufficient. Ante-natal care, advance it must be along preventive lines. Four principles should be observed and inculcated. Ante-natal care, hospital segregation, sufficient skilled treatment and post-natal care.

A general discussion followed, led by Dr. Connors of Digby, who spoke of the difficulties arising out of maternity cases in the country. Dr. F. H. Wetmore, of Hampton, and Dr. Miller also gave instances of country and slum cases where the equipment for working was hopelessly inadequate.

Dr. Chipman, in reply, said that he had worked in the slums of London and Edinburgh, in Whitechapel, the Cowgate and Green-side. Living conditions there were bad. In one room ten feet square he had found three families living, and everything went well until one family started taking in boarders. He urged care in the use of chloroform in maternity cases, and said that bleeding and morphia could be substituted in all cases he had met with.

Dr. G. A. B. Addy then gave an address on surgery of the thyroid. There were not so many cases of goitre in St. John as in most cities, he said. Almost all goitres could be removed, he said, unless the patient was so far advanced that secondary changes in the heart and other organs had taken place. The pulse was a fairly accurate index to the condition.

Dr. L. G. Pineault, of Campbellton, then gave an instructive talk on pelvic abscesses. These, he said, were frequently found in appendicitis, and represented one-third of the abscesses from the disease. Two-thirds of the number formed were primary, in some cases there was a residual abscess, following a lapse of time of a week or two after the first trouble. Such an abscess might appear through infection, and in a certain number of cases the abscess might be co-existent with another like condition, and connected with it through a sinus duct.

A general discussion followed, led by Dr. J. H. Allingham and Dr. A. E. Macaulay, who told of unusual cases which had come under their observation.

Co-operation Praised. This concluded the programme. Dr. Delmar A. Craig expressed his appreciation of the work which had been done by the local committees in making the meetings a success. He had never found a better spirit of co-operation in the profession than existed in St. John. The thanks of the college were due to Miss R. M. Kelly, and also to the press; the newspapers had given more prominence to the meetings than in any other city he had visited. He urged all who could to visit the congress which opens in Chicago on Oct. 27.

Dr. W. W. White spoke appreciatively of the spirit of co-operation shown by the other committee members and the assistance given by the press. The success achieved had been due to the united efforts of the members, hospital management, the profession, citizens and press.

NEWS IN WINNIPEG STOLEN BY A STUB TAILED DOG. Winnipeg, May 8.—(By Mail).—The culprit who for a month has been stealing morning papers in Armstrong Point, an exclusive residence section of Winnipeg, has been found.

A careful search was organized by delivery boys and district managers of newspapers, who resented the charge that they had been negligent in the performance of their duties.

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MANY PEOPLE VISIT HOSPITALS ON SATURDAY

The rain on Saturday did little to interfere with the large numbers who visited the General Public Hospital and the St. John Infirmary, the occasion being Hospital Day. At the Infirmary it was the first occasion on which the institution had been thrown open for public inspection and many took advantage of the opportunity afforded. Each guest was registered and at eight o'clock in the evening there was a drawing to see who held the lucky number and would be privileged to two weeks free treatment. Mrs. Todd, nurse in training at the General Public Hospital, was the holder. The privilege is transferable. Sister M. Gertrude, superintendent of the Infirmary, welcomed the visitors and Sister M. Camillus, R. N. superintendent of nurses, greeted them as they entered the nurses' lounge. Afternoon tea was served and music was provided by St. Peter's orchestra under Rev. James Cleary, C.S.B. Sister DeLourdes, R.N. was in charge of the operating room and in the laboratory Sister Mona, R.N., was in charge.

The Infirmary boasts a large modern and well arranged operating room, with anaesthetizing, sterilizing and recovery rooms, two rooms devoted to the X-ray department, a large laboratory where the latest equipment and electrical contrivances are installed, a well fitted dispensary and a spacious diet kitchen in the basement, with serving diet kitchens on each of the three upper floors. Each serving kitchen has an electric stove. Spotless white-tiled bathrooms, hot cupboards for warming blankets, an electrically driven lift and many more conveniences are features of the building.

The Infirmary has only private and semi-private patients and semi-private patients share a bedroom with one other patient only.

Miss Mary Downing, R.N., president of the Infirmary Alumnae, was general convener for the Hospital Day arrangements and all of the Catholic women's societies in the city assisted. Aiding in ushering and registering the visitors were the following nurses: Miss Mary Doherty, R.N., Miss Agnes Duffy, R.N., Miss Alice McManus, Miss Frank, R.N., Miss Nellie McCarthy, R.N., Miss Flora Morrissey, Miss Marion Rogers and Miss Katherine Ryan, R.N.

After the tour of the hospital was completed, the visitors were regaled with afternoon tea in the nurses' home. The tea table was very attractively arranged and its decorations of lilies were in blue and white, the Infirmary colors. Those who presided over the opening of tea and coffee were Mrs. Edward Hanes, Mrs. Frederick Power, Mrs. J. H. Dooly and Mrs. Edward Finnigan. The replenishers were Miss O'Neill, Miss M. H. McCook, Miss M. Chaisson and Miss McGrath. The waitresses were members of each of the Catholic women's societies. Besides the excellent orchestral music, vocal solos were given by Harold Gillis and Miss Maude Dowling, whose accompanists were Mrs. M. Quinlan and Mrs. L. LeLacheur. The Boy Scouts of St. John troops No. 10 and No. 18 served as door openers, dish washers and general handy men, proving their ability to live up to their ideals of service.

At General Public Hospital. The number of visitors far exceeded the expectation of those in charge and throughout the afternoon large parties were being taken through all the departments of the institution. The X-ray department, the kitchen, the laundry, the new out-patient department, the laboratory, the wards and various other departments were objects of special interest.

The commissioners, M. E. Agar, Mrs. J. Verrier McLeod, Colonel Alexander McMillan and J. King Kelly, the superintendent of nurses, Miss Margaret Murdoch, members of the nursing staff and the hospital superintendent, R. H. Gale, were all kept busy acting as guides through the institution.

Among the visitors to the two institutions yesterday were members of the American College of Surgeons and the distinguished speakers who had addressed the convention.

PORTY HOURS DEVOTION. The forty hours devotion was brought to a close in St. John the Baptist church last evening. Following recitation of the rosary led by Rev. J. J. McDermott, Rev. J. Roy McDonald

delivered an eloquent sermon appropriate to the occasion. The chanting of the litany then took place and was followed by a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, in which little girls of the parish, the altar boys, priests and His Lordship also officiated at solemn benediction and was assisted by Rev. J. J. Ryan, pastor of the Church of the Assumption, was in the sanctuary.

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