

Dr. Macdonald spoke of the effect of suggestion in these cases. He had often noted the symptoms of headache and insomnia. The tender spots were always a marked symptom, but often were not found in the position described by the text-books. The jarring of the spine was not so considerable as many would have us understand. In a case where the patient goes from bad to worse in spite of treatment, it would be well to enquire very carefully for some lesion which had existed prior to the injury, or some hereditary taint.

Dr. Ross thought many of the so-called neurasthenics were malingerers. He thought too often corporations were victimized by such people, and that medical men should, in such cases, do what they could to protect such corporations.

Dr. Oakley recalled a case which came under his observation, where a woman had fallen from a street car and sustained some slight injuries. A very speedy recovery followed the settlement of the claim.

Dr. Hart related a case. The patient was a young woman who had been ill seven or eight months. She gave a history of overwork. She complained of pain over the pyloric end of the stomach and rapid loss of weight. She consulted a number of medical men with little benefit. Diagnoses of gastric ulcer and analogous conditions had been made. Dr. Hart concluded, after due examination, that the trouble was neurasthenia. Under tonic and electrical treatment with attention to hygienic conditions the patient was recovering.

Dr. Dickson had seen a number of these patients who had passed through the hands of official surgeons. Their cases were truly pitiable.

Dr. Britton closed the discussion.

It was moved by Dr. J. F. W. Ross, seconded by Dr. A. A. Macdonald, "That a committee, consisting of the President, Treasurer, Dr. Machell and the mover, be appointed to confer with similar committees of the other medical societies in the city with a view to the establishment of an academy of medicine."—Carried.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to see about securing more commodious quarters, reported progress.

The Society then adjourned.