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#### MEETING OF MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.

Oct 29th—Regular meeting of the Society was held this evening, the President, Dr. Hingston, in the chair.

Dr. Smith exhibited a child which had suffered from tenia tonsurans. When first seen the disease was in a very active condition, with pustules about the roots of the hair. Poultices were used to remove the crusts, afterwards dilute acid nitrate of mercury ointment was used with perfect success. A mistake had been made at one time in using the strong preparation, which excited a pustular eruption, but, on returning to the use of the diluted ointment, a complete cure was effected.

Dr. Bessey exhibited a patient covered with psoriasis lepraformis, on whom he proposed to vaccinate for the relief of the disease, and promised to bring the case before the Society at another meeting, to show the results. Dr. Bessey then read a paper on vaccination in skin Diseases (This paper, and the discussion which followed, was published in the last number of THE RECORD).

Dr. A. L. Smith read a paper on Dilatation of the Stomach. This was a report of a case recently under treatment and resulted in recovery—will be reported.

Dr. Henry Howard thought there must have been partial paralysis of the coats of the stomach.

Dr. Osler said he had seen two cases. This condition of the stomach is known to occur sometimes as an acute disease, rapidly proving fatal in a few days. Fagg reports two cases where the condition developed suddenly after a hearty meal. Post-mortem: no trouble of pyloric orifice was observed. Other forms are due to simple constriction from ulcer. Did not know if this could be called a simple case. If water is drawn freely, and the muscles of the abdomen made to move, a splashing noise could be produced. Possibly in the case cited the patient had a trick of producing the sound after drinking copiously of water. Dr. Smith had not given the outlines of the stomach so as to prove actual dilata-

tion. Hysterical patients will drink freely, and there must be with it considerable distention, but such cases do not come under that condition known as dilatation of the stomach.

Dr. Ross thought the diagnosis could not be substantiated by the reader of the paper. He thought it was likely that the patient had been hypochondriacal regarding his digestive organs. The report stated that there was extensive dullness from the ensiform cartilage to pubes. If the stomach was dilated there should have been tympanitis above and dullness low down. In a tolerably dilated intestine we may have splashing.

Dr. Hingston agreed with the two last speakers, there was no vomiting, there was also the circumstance of rapid recovery. Dullness extended lower down than could be expected. Thought the colon had lost its arched condition, and had fallen down. The diagnosis is sometimes extremely difficult.

Dr. Ross read the notes of a case of Pseudo-cyesis which occurred in the Hospital.

Dr. Ross read the notes of a case occurring in the M. G. H.: a woman who to a remarkable degree simulated pregnancy—and, after the time was past, this passed away. Her history was as follows: no menses for three months after marriage, and then miscarried. Then had no menses for fourteen years, and then had a spontaneous return of the flow. At the next normal period no return, but had morning vomiting and unnatural desires, and at fifth month had signs of life; milk escaped at nipples. About end of ninth month had sharp shooting pains in back and bearing down. The Doctor was summoned, but the pains passed off. Breasts were large, and milk was drawn from them, then signs of child-life gradually grew less; abdomen became small. In March thought again she was to be delivered. On admission to Hospital there was great protuberance of the belly; there was large excess of superficial adipose tissue. On deep pressure nothing much could be made out. A sound was passed into the uterus which was of natural depth.

Dr. Reddy gave a case of Tetanus Neonatorum. History of a good natural labor; cord was very thick, and had to be tied twice over. On fifth day child had short fit: on eighth day, Dr. Reddy saw it. Slightest cause induced spasms. Mother fell about month before child was born. Dr. Reddy had seen a number of cases in Ireland, but in twenty-nine years this was the first case seen in Canada.

The meeting then adjourned.