

DR. FINLEY.—There certainly is a form of polyarthritis in childhood in which there is no enlargement of the lymph glands or spleen, apparently a progressive disease, and accompanied by more or less ankylosis.

Dr. Laphorn Smith reported three cases of repair of injuries to the ureter. He said:—There are three principal ways in which the ureter may be injured so as to give rise to a urinary fistula. First, by being compressed between the child's head and the pelvic wall during prolonged labour with impaction of the head; second, by being caught between the blades of the clamp during vaginal hysterectomy for cancer, and third, by being accidentally cut during the removal of a large abdominal tumour, especially when the latter occupies one of the broad ligaments, in which case the ureter is displaced far from its proper anatomical relations. The proportion of frequency of these three ways, as shown by a paper by Fergman, who collected sixty-eight reported cases, was as follows:—Parturition, twenty-five cases; vaginal hysterectomy, twelve cases; abdominal section, three cases. I now beg to report three cases of repair of injury due to prolonged labour to the ureter, caused in each of these ways respectively. The first one, read before the Winnipeg meeting of the Canada Medical Association, August, 1901, has already been reported in the Philadelphia Medical Journal, October 5, 1901, but the other two cases are now reported for the first time.

Case I.—Mrs. J. B., 34 years of age, married, came to me at the Montreal Dispensary on July 1, 1901, giving the following history:—She began to menstruate at 14, was always regular, and the flow was painless. She was married at 31, and had one child at 32 whilst living at Vancouver, B.C. I afterwards learned from her doctor that he had been called to see a woman fourteen miles in the country without knowing what it was for, and on arriving there he found the head impacted in the pelvis. He drove back to town for his forceps, and returned next day and delivered her with great difficulty. A few days later large pieces of sloughing mucous membrane came away from the vagina, and it was noticed that she had incontinence of urine. It soon became evident that the vagina and ureter had been destroyed to some extent by the prolonged pressure. In Fergman's cases, of the twenty-five following parturition, sixteen were due to using the forceps too soon, and nine to using them too late. After remaining in this pitiable condition of always being wet from dribbling urine for two years and seven months, her friends made up a collection to send her to England to try to have the injury repaired. About a year and a half before coming to me she went to London, and spent three months in one of the best hospitals, during which time three plastic operations were performed without success. She then became discouraged, and insisted upon returning to Vancouver, and had made up her mind to bear her misery