

The next paper on the programme was the discussion in surgery, which was opened by Dr. D. MacLean, of Detroit, in a very elaborate paper.

Dr. H. V. Moore continued the discussion, and I referred kindly to the fact that he had been a pupil of Dr. MacLean's when he was professor in Queen's College, Kingston, that Ann Arbor had taken him away from us, and that which was our loss was their gain.

Drs. R. A. Reeve, Dupuis, and Hon. M. Sullivan paid eulogies to Dr. MacLean and his work.

Dr. Hingston took exception to some of the remarks that Dr. MacLean had made about lithotomy and lithotripsy, also about the relative advantages of internal and external urethrotomy, which brought Dr. MacLean again to his feet to defend his position. A vote of thanks was tendered for the interesting and scientific paper.

Dr. J. G. Balfour, of London, read a paper on "Administration of Chloroform and the Dangers Incident Thereto." Dr. James Grant, the acting chairman, in opening the discussion, referred to the uses of chloroform in the final stage of labor, and extolled it greatly. The discussion was continued by Drs. MacLean of Detroit, Hill, MacLaren, and others.

Dr. F. Shepherd, of Montreal, presented a unique case of nerve suture, in which the brachial plexus had been severed, and the different branches united after some months having elapsed since the accident. The condition had very materially benefited by the operation. It elicited remarks from Drs. Dewart and Hill of Ottawa, who had seen the case prior to the operation.

Dr. F. Shepherd also read a paper on "Intussusception, and its Treatment by Operation," in the discussion of which Drs. Hill, Bergin, Christie, and others took part.

Dr. Harrison, of Selkirk, presented a report of a case of "Gunshot Wound of the Abdomen," which was discussed by Drs. Jas. Bell and I. H. Cameron.

Dr. Harrison, of Selkirk, opened the discussion in obstetrics, in the absence of Dr. J. Chalmers Cameron, of Montreal (who was to have opened the discussion), and apologized for the fact that as he was supposed to follow Dr. Cameron's lead, and that he had not known what line would be followed, he had not prepared his remarks; but even in the impromptu remarks that he made, a wonderful amount of good, sound advice, plain statement of facts, as well as a review of obstetric operations since his early professional life, were embodied, and it was one of the most enjoyable half hours of the meeting.

Dr. Machell, of Toronto, presented a specimen of bowel from a case that he had invaginated some days previously in Toronto.

The meeting was then adjourned—the next meeting to be held at London in September, 1893.

## MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY OF MONTREAL.

*Annual Meeting, October 14th, 1892.*

F. BULLER, M.D., PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

The annual meeting for the session 1892-93 was held in the rooms of the Society, 14 Phillips Square, on the above date. There were present: Drs. F. W. Campbell, A. Laphorn Smith, Lachapelle, J. C. Cameron, Alloway, James Bell, J. A. MacDonald, A. D. Blackader, Shepherd, Guérin, Gurd, G. T. Ross, Wesley Mills, Reed, J. J. Gardner, James Stewart, Lafleur, E. H. Blackader, Kirkpatrick, Springle, Williams, G. G. Campbell, E. A. McGannon, McCarthy, Foley, Shanks, Thompson, Vipond, Bruère, McBain, J. Elsdale Molson, Evans, Hamilton and Kenneth Cameron.

After the minutes of the preceding regular meeting had been read and confirmed, Dr. C. W. Wilson, Dr. A. G. Morphy, Dr. D. J. Evans, and Dr. R. K. Pattee, of Vankleek Hill, were elected ordinary members of the Society.

*A Case of Pyelo-nephrosis simulating Psoas Abscess.*—DR. E. A. MCGANNON, Brockville, read the following report and exhibited the specimens:

W. B., aged 34, bookkeeper. About five years ago, in the course of an examination for life insurance, a small amount of albumen was discovered in his urine. The microscope showed pus cells, but no casts. A second examination, at an interval of a week, gave the same results. The pus was thought to arise from the bladder, and under a bland diet and the use of Lithiated Hydrangea for several weeks the albumen entirely disappeared from the urine. At this time he had no symptoms, and expressed himself as feeling perfectly well. He continued to obtain good health until two and a half years ago, when I was called to see him, and found him suffering with pain in his right side, which extended down into the groin and right testicle. The pain was constant and kept increasing in severity; soon the right thigh became drawn up; later, signs of an abscess were found in the right groin, it pointing first, above, and later, below Poupart's ligament. Not being able to satisfy myself that I had a psoas abscess to deal with, and wishing to give the patient and his friends the benefit of other advice, Dr. Bell of Montreal was called in consultation. He gave it as his opinion that we had a psoas abscess to deal with. It was accordingly incised, pus evacuated, and a long drainage tube inserted. Pus continued to drain through this tube, the patient gradually getting stronger until he was able to resume work; and at the end of a year or more was in good health, except for the annoyance of the tube, which he continued to wear. Last spring he began to have swollen legs and feet. On examining the urine, it showed