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CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY OF MONTREAL ON MY-
OTOMY AND TENOTOMY IN CERTAIN JOINT-
DISEASES AND THEIR SEQUELÆ.

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Joint-diseases, their etiology, history, pathology and treatment, and not less in their sequelæ, are among the most interesting to the practical surgeon. I shall not in this paper, more than is necessary, enter upon those vexed questions which divide surgical writers, nor shall I, from a partial experience, endeavour to deduce general principles for the guidance of others. But as much of what I shall say is based on a belief in the generally local or traumatic character of uncomplicated joint inflammation, I deem it necessary to make that statement at the outset. Were I to say more I should invite a discussion foreign to my purpose; and were I to say less, much of what follows would require constant explanation.

Myotomy or tenotomy was introduced to the profession by Stromeyer, of Kiel, in Schleswig-Holstein, for the relief of congenital deformities in otherwise healthy persons. Dieffenbach.