

concluded that one of the functions of these organs was the excretion of bacteria. In experimental animals the colon bacilli injected into the circulation were taken up by the endothelium of the liver capillaries very rapidly, somewhat later by the liver cells, and ultimately were excreted in the bile. He had concluded that the bile normally possessed an inhibitory power towards the colon bacillus.

Dr. W. S. Morrow read a contribution upon the "Propagation of the Venous Pulse," being the result of an arbeit done at Breslau. He had tested the jugular vein and the femoral, There was a characteristic pulse curve for veins comprising a presystolic rise and fall, a systolic rise and a diastolic collapse. The average rate of the venous pulse was one to three metres per second. The pulse was most marked in weak and debilitated animals, the rate of propagation was greatest when the venous blood-pressure was highest. An interesting discussion followed.

Dr. F. G. Finley recorded a case of pneumothorax in which the production of gas was due to the action of the *B. coli* and *B. proteus*. The condition had apparently started in a subphrenic abscess, this was firmly walled off and communicated with the thoracic cavity by a perforation in the diaphragm. The exudate in the pleura was pus mixed with blood.

What promises to be the last appearance of the Montreal Clinical Society took place on May 4th. For several years past the society, which originally seemed to fill a necessary place, has from a variety of causes been in a languishing condition. While the officers were full of enthusiasm the rank and file seemed to have lost interest so that it has been decided to close up the affairs of the society. This was affected in a very pleasing way by the last general meeting taking the form of a supper in Elm Hall, Westmount. The idea was carried out in a very happy manner by Dr. H. M. Church, the treasurer. About 45 members were present including the following: Drs, Wm. H. Drummond, Archibald, Birkett, Blackader, G. A. Brown, E. Brown, Cameron, Carmichael, H. M. Church, C. H. Church, Evans, Finley, Fisk, Fry, Hackett, H. D. Hamilton, W. F. Hamilton, Henderson, Lauterman, Mathewson, MacTaggart, MacPhail, R. Mackenzie, R. T. McKenzie, Morrow, Nicholls, A. Robertson, E. A. Robertson, Ross, Scane, Spier, Shaw, W. G. Stewart, Stirling, Thompson, C. W. Vipond, Wylde, Wilson, White, Westley, and Webster.

Dr. W. F. Hamilton, the president, was in the chair and he was supported by Dr. D. D. MacTaggart, vice-president, G. H. Mathewson, secretary, and Dr. H. M. Church, treasurer. After discussing a happily thought out menu the chairman proposed the first toast "The Queen," which was favoured in the usual enthusiastic way. Dr. G. A. Brown then proposed "The Montreal Clinical Society."

The society, he thought, had filled a place in usefulness, being of