

*Eighth Meeting, 22nd January, 1904.*

H. S. BIRKETT, M.D., PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

The correspondence which passed between the Secretary and the Canadian Nurses' Association was read. It showed that the Council had declined to take any part in the deliberations of that Association in connection with the issuing of a new tariff of charges and the action of the Council was endorsed by the Society.

DR. H. A. LAFLEUR presented a living case of myxœdema, and read a report upon the condition. He showed photographs taken before and after treatment with thyroid extract, to demonstrate the improvement.

DR. FINLEY was of opinion that myxœdema did not occur so frequently in this country as it did in London; he had seen not more than two or three cases in Montreal, whereas in London they were fairly common. He noted the resemblance of myxœdema to Bright's disease, in respect of the condition of the kidneys, which in both cases yielded casts and albumin; another condition he had noted was deafness which usually subsided after the administration of the extract.

DR. LAFLEUR in reply to a question, said that two different preparations had been used, but he was not aware of their relative strength. Dr. Birkett enquired as to the condition of the larynx and ears, and Dr. Lafleur stated that there were several lacunæ in the case report—the larynx, ears, fundus of the eye, and blood were not examined.

DR. SHEPHERD said that he had had two cases of surgical myxœdema, of which one had been operated on three times for carcinoma of the thyroid. The patient developed myxœdema after the second operation, but the symptoms subsided after treatment with thyroid extract, and the patient was quite well three years after the onset. The other case followed excision of the thyroid. Dr. Shepherd remembered, that after hearing a lecture upon anatomy, in which the subject had been referred to, a student diagnosed a case in his own family and brought the patient for examination. The symptoms disappeared after the use of the extract.

DR. GEORGE K. GRIMMER gave a demonstration of the utility of paraffin injections in correcting deformities of the nose. He exhibited lantern slides and two living cases.

In the discussion which followed Dr. Craig gave testimony to the value of the method, and referred to the subcutaneous operation by Roe, of Rochester. In reply to a question by Dr. H. D. Hamilton, Dr. Birkett said, that so far as the American Laryngological Association was concerned, and he thought also the London Association, the sub-