

than a close and firm investment; it was thin, ill defined, and more or less transparent. In many of such cases, during the disease, as the late Dr. Mayne has shown in his memoir on pericarditis, friction-sounds were never presented. Serous or sero-fibrinous effusions tinged with colouring matter replaced the old results of sthenic inflammations, and all tallied exactly with the change in the vital character of the disease.

It has happened to me—and I mention this in evidence that we were not mistaken as to cases peculiar to the sthenic form—that a few instances of disease in its old inflammatory characters have appeared in isolated examples, and at irregular intervals of time; so that we at once recognised their nature, and employed with success the old treatment in all its vigour—employed the lancet, although for many years its use had not been resorted to. This is very important, as showing that there are influences, the nature of which is as yet unknown, that affect the vital character of local disease in an inconstant manner.”

MEDICO CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY OF MONTREAL.

The second regular meeting of this new society was held upon the last Friday in September. There was a fair attendance, the chair being occupied by Dr. Hingston, Vice-President. Several new members were elected, and others proposed for membership. A brief discussion took place upon a very interesting case of Trumatic Tetanus, which lately occurred at the Montreal General Hospital, and which proved fatal. We hope to give the notes of this case in our next. We trust that when the society gets fairly into operation, its proceedings will furnish us with many interesting cases for publication.

At a recent meeting of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Edinburgh, Dr. Thomas Keith exhibited four ovarion cysts which he had recently removed by ovariectomy. All the operations were simple and easily performed, and were followed by the rapid recovery of the patients. Dr. Keith had performed ovariectomy 31 times, with the result of 22 recoveries and 9 deaths, or 29 per cent. of deaths.

From a return just published it appears that the Chancellor of the Exchequer has received the enormous sum of £55,333 0 6½ for duty on quack medicines. — Previous to the discovery of vaccination, and when the population of Great Britain was only ten millions, the number of deaths annually from small pox was 30,000. Now, with a population of thirty millions, the number of deaths is less than 10,000. — A statue has been erected at Bologne to the memory of the immortal Jenner. It is ten feet high, and stands on a marble pedestal twelve feet high. — Dr. Forbes Winslow, the eminent physician, is in a dangerous state of health.