

HAMILTON MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The regular monthly meeting of the Hamilton Medical Society was held on the 7th February, the President, Dr. Olmsted, in the Chair. After routine business was transacted, the following programme was presented:

- 1—Pathological Specimen, Hour Glass Stomach; I. Olmsted.
- 2—Deciduoma Malignum; D. G. Storms.
- 3—Epidemic Jaundice; Dr. Addison, St. George; Dr. McGregor, Water-down.
- 4—Report of Case; Dr. Griffin.
- 5—Acute Articular Rheumatism; Dr. G. S. Glassco.

Exhibition of Pathological Specimens.

The specimen of hour glass stomach shown by Dr. Olmsted was a comparatively rare condition, of which not many are reported. It showed *posteriorly* a cicatrix of an old ulcer.

The case reported by Dr. Storms was that of a woman who, in her ninth confinement, had several profuse hæmorrhages—which led to a diagnosis of *deciduoma malignum* being made. The following history was given:—

Woman, aged 42, nine children, convulsions with three of them—marked albuminuria. Twenty-three years ago had a ventral hernia in which the uterus became prolapsed through the abdominal recti, and in the erect position hung so low as to turn the cervix nearly vertical and to interfere with walking. Labour came on September 18th, 1905, and was extremely difficult, lasting four days. The uterus was in such a position that the handles of the long forceps when locked, were within the vulva, out of sight. Recovery was perfect till the 10th day, when a profuse hæmorrhage occurred, which blanched the patient. Ten days later a second hæmorrhage occurred which left her helpless. Scrapings were then taken from the uterus and a diagnosis of malignancy was made.

Operation, October 18th.—Hysterectomy by abdominal route. Recovery perfect, except for a phlebitis which affected both legs successively. Diagnosis was established on the following points:—

(1) Hæmorrhage occurring late after the confinement, and without other obvious cause.

(2) Suddenness of hæmorrhage.

(3) Cachectic appearance of patient.

(4) Examination of uterus, and microscopic examination of scrapings.

A paper was read by Dr. Addison of St. George, Ont., on "Epidemic Jaundice."

This disease has been very prevalent in this part of Ontario during the last few months, nearly every practitioner reporting cases.