

Society Reports.

Toronto Medical Society.

REGULAR meeting, January 28, President, Dr. W. J. Wilson, in the chair.

Dr. Carveth presented a pin $1\frac{3}{8}$ in. in length passed by a child, $1\frac{1}{2}$ years of age. The pin had been swallowed forty-eight hours previously. No symptoms. Oil should not be given in these cases, as many books recommend.

Dr. Wilson reported a case in which a pin two inches long was a week in passing. It set up considerable irritation inside the rectum. The doctor introduced his hand and removed it.

Dr. G. B. Smith reported having been called to a patient in whom there was paralysis of the left lower extremity and considerable pain at times. Iodide of potassium was administered. Some pain in the rectum was followed by the expulsion of the pin and a complete and unaccountable disappearance of the paralysis.

Genu Valgus.—Dr. G. A. Peters reported a case of genu valgus in a boy who had not developed well, as the mother had thought, from her having been fed on exclusive vegetable diet while carrying him. By illustration the speaker showed the pathological anatomy of the condition. Owing to the slanting from without inward of the articulation of the knee the weight of the body was transmitted more through the outer condyle, allowing the inner one to develop and become prominent. Operation consisted in making an incision a little above the epiphysis below the medullary canal, introducing a chisel, first cutting the posterior part of the bone, then the anterior, and afterward fracturing the bone. A Hamilton splint was then applied. The case was progressing satisfactory. Where when the internal malleoli are brought together the feet are three inches apart, operation is indicated, according to the orthopedists.

Hysteria.—Dr. J. Hunter reported a case of hysteria occurring in a woman aged 54. There was a history of insanity in the family. Patient herself was bit by a dog during one of the pregnancies, had had two attacks of rheumatism, had met with one or two accidents which caused uterine hæmorrhages, had undergone trachelorrhaphy and wore a pessary for prolapse. Recent symptoms had been a constricting pain around the umbilicus, retention of urine so that a catheter