

Dr. Osler said this case presented similar appearances to one brought before the Society a year ago. There may have been syphilitic disease of the vessels which has led to thinning of the coats, or else a small aneurism resulting from heart disease.

Dr. Ross then read a paper on "Spasmodic Stricture of the Œsophagus." In the discussion following, Drs. Hingston, Baynes, Kennedy and Bessey mentioned cases occurring in practice which had been relieved by passing a bougie.

Dr. Trenholme said that care should be exercised least the case should prove to be malignant and not simple spasm.

The President said he had had a case in which the patient could not swallow when at the table, but could if she retired to her room. Here the trouble was simply mental.

Dr. Bessey then presented to the Society a communication regarding the establishing of a vaccine institute for the Province of Quebec. In regard to this matter the following resolution was moved by Dr. F. W. Campbell, seconded by Dr. Trenholme :—

That the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal, aware of the difficulty of obtaining vaccine of a reliable character, heartily approves of the establishing of an institution where such can be readily obtained at all times, and therefore endorses the petition presented by Dr. Bessey, and the officers of the Society are instructed to sign the petition on behalf of the Society.

The matter of a more suitable conveyance for taking patients to the Hospital was brought forward, and on motion of Dr. F. W. Campbell, seconded by Dr. Roddick, the Secretary was instructed to write to the City Clerk, calling his attention to the fact that although, upon two previous occasions, the Society has drawn attention to the very unsuitable character of the conveyance used to take patients to the small-pox hospital, no action has as yet been taken in the matter. That the Medico-Chirurgical Society are strongly of the opinion that the matter is very important, and needs immediate attention.

The meeting then adjourned.

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The regular meeting of this Society was held June 25th, 1880, the President in the chair.