

quickly as the six hundred saw him do it by the cinematograph.

The hottest discussion of the meeting was on Dr. Milne Murray's paper "On the Use and Abuse of the Forceps," and incidentally Dr. Japp Sinclair's excellent paper read at Montreal last year condemning the too frequent and too early use of the forceps came in for a great deal of abuse. Dr. Sinclair stated that the forceps was responsible for a great deal of injury to women who were confined in the neighborhood of Manchester. It was evident that the majority of those present at the meeting were general practitioners who used the forceps to save time and did not want to be reproached for causing puerperal lesions.

There were several interesting papers on the proper time for removing pus tubes, and the general feeling was that it was safer to operate during the interval than during the attack, as is also the case in appendicitis. There was also a very warm discussion as to the relative advantages of the abdominal and vaginal route for removing pus tubes, and the general feeling was that it was easier and safer to remove them by the abdomen. As disease of the vermiform appendix frequently complicates pus tubes, it was pointed out that the possibility of having to remove it in any case was a sufficient reason of itself to induce us to operate by the abdomen. Dr. Macan, of Dublin, laid great stress on the importance of making a careful bi-manual examination under narcosis before deciding upon the vaginal route. Landau, of Berlin, was strongly in favour of the vaginal route even for bad pus cases, and he has the courage of his convictions, for I saw him removing the uterus and both tubes and ovaries by the vagina in a very bad case while I was in Berlin. One thing was very evident on this occasion, that, while it is difficult to remove large pus tubes even after the splitting of the uterus in two, and consequently sacrificing it, it is well nigh impossible to remove them through an opening in either the anterior or posterior vaginal vault without removing the uterus. Some years ago I attempted to do this, and was compelled to abandon it by the vagina and to complete the operation by the abdomen. This combined operation by