

The thirteenth regular meeting of the Society was held Friday evening, April 7th, Dr. J. A. Macdonald, President, in the chair.

GANGRENE OF FINGER.

E. W. Archibald, M.D., presented two living cases before the Society. One was that of a young German, who ran a needle into his finger. It became painful, and he was recommended to dip the finger in a supposed solution of carbolic acid every day, wrapping it up tightly after. This he did, and now some two weeks after the insertion of the needle he presents an extreme degree of gangrene of the finger. The carbolic acid "solution" was found to be almost a pure carbolic.

HYSTERICAL CONTRACTURE.

The second case was that of Hysterical Contracture (Lordosis) in a young man who had fallen from a telephone pole. He was under observation for a year and recovered, largely by suggestive treatment.

J. A. HUTCHISON, M.D.—This second case is interesting, especially so from a medico-legal point of view, and quite worthy of record for that reason alone. Some years ago I reported a case before this Society which was somewhat similar, the area effected being the cervical. The man had very definite fixation of the upper part of the muscles of the neck and shoulders, and remained in this condition for many months; there were evidently no nerve changes.

ABSENCE OF UTERUS AND VAGINA.

A. LAPHORN SMITH, M.D., reported a case of Absence of Uterus and Vagina in a female. The record appears at page 343.

W. W. CHIPMAN, M.D.—This case is an interesting one, and certainly is also a rare condition. One cannot say, however, that there was complete absence of the uterus, because, as I understand it, the left Fallopian tube, ending in a small knob, was present together with the left ovary. Of course, this condition, as many authorities state and as Dr. Smith has shown, is only diagnosable either at the time of operation or in the case of a post-mortem examination. But if you find a condition such as we have here, that is, one Fallopian tube, or sometimes even two, attached to the posterior wall of the bladder, frequently ending in a small knob, the condition is certainly one of arrested development. In cases such as these the sex is absolutely determined. The cases which are more frequent are those in which it is almost impossible to discern the sex: pseudo-hermaphroditism. They present points of extreme difficulty and extreme delicacy. Sir John Halliday Crume reported an instance of twins which had lived their lives till the age of 18 as girls, but when brought to him, after careful examination, they turned out to be boys.