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President, DR. PETERS, in the chair.

Lateral Curvature of the Spine.—Dr. B. E. MCKENZIE showed a young girl suffering from lateral curvature of the spine, no treatment having as yet been employed. He proposed employing what he termed the developmental form of treatment, by first insisting on the patient's assuming a proper position; and then, by suitable gymnastics, of training the muscles to become habituated to the correct position.

Dysmenorrhœa and Sterility.—Dr. G. GORDON read a paper on "Dysmenorrhœa and Sterility." He pointed out that these conditions were often associated. Sterility increased with civilization. It might be the result of some obstruction to the activity of the delicate movements necessary to bring the male and female elements into contact, or to incidents afterwards. It might be classified as primary and secondary, depending on whether the woman had borne children or not. Its cause might be anæmia, syphilis, tuberculosis; or it might be the result of some local inflammatory condition of the uterus or tubes, accompanied by leucorrhœa, etc., or of malposition of the organ. The doctor then read from his case-book the history and treatment of several cases.

A New Treatment of Syphilitic Iritis.—Dr. H. BURNHAM read a paper with this title. He gave the history of an extremely bad case of this disease, adhesions in both eyes being very marked. In the left eye there was conjunctival and ciliary injection; lymph dots on the posterior surface of the cornea; posterior synechiæ; lymph in the pupillary area; vision,—perception of light. In the right eye the cornea and aqueous were slightly affected; posterior almost synechiæ, very marked, forming one ray of adhesion.

The patient had been under mercury and the iodide, with atropia locally. This treatment had been carried on for some months with no improvement. Dr. Burnham supplemented this treatment by giving pilocarpine at intervals, in doses from a quarter to an eighth of a grain, with extremely beneficial results, the patient having return of full vision in the left eye and one half vision in the right, the adhesions almost completely disappearing. He hoped, by pushing the treatment still further, to see the adhesions disappear completely. He had had like favorable results in other cases. He had related