

terior diameter at brim was $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Had had a natural labor with her first child; the second had to be delivered with forceps. Dr. T. found the child was lying diagonal to the abdomen. He proceeded to turn, his hand first feeling the promontory of the sacrum bulging out; there was also hour-glass contraction a little above the os, and again near the fundus, which caused great difficulty in moving the child. However, after some time he succeeded in delivering all but the head, which Dr. Armstrong opened, as by no safe efforts could it be loosened. Dr. T. said the trouble was caused, not so much by the deformity, as by the two spasmodic contractions. He had seen a similar case before, where, from repeated powerful attempts to deliver with the forceps, the uterus around the os was bruised into a pulpy mass causing the death of the woman.

Dr. CAMERON had seen a case something similar, requiring evisceration, owing to ergot having been wrongly used to hasten a tedious labor from early escape of liquor amnii. No amount of traction was of any avail.

Dr. ALLOWAY thought that cases where the waters broke early and caused spasmodic contraction on the child were not very unusual.

Dr. ROSS thought the cause in Dr. Trenholme's case was obscure. He did not believe that spasm alone could resist strong efforts at traction, especially as the head was found very large. He thought it should hardly be called hour-glass contraction. Had only seen two cases of hour-glass contraction, and in both it was after the birth of the child, and where the placenta was retained above.

Dr. TRENHOLME replied by saying that he thought it not unreasonable to put the difficulty down to spasm, as in his previous case the woman had plenty of room, yet was unable to deliver with forceps on account of spasm gripping the child.

Dr. RODGER agreed with Dr. Ross that other causes appeared to be present to account for the difficulty.

The following resolution of condolence was passed by the Society, to be sent to the family of the late Dr. Trudel:—

"That this Society desires to express its sense of the great loss sustained by the profession and society generally in the death of Dr. E. H. Trudel, whose long and honorable career as a man and physician secured to him the consideration and esteem of the citizens generally, and whose high scientific attainments and facile mode of expression enabled him for many years to fill the chair of Obstetrics in the Montreal School of Medicine with distinction to himself and advantage to the students."

UNIVERSITY OF BISHOP'S COLLEGE.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE.

The Annual Dinner of the Medical Faculty, graduates and under-graduates of the University of Bishop's College was held in the ladies' ordinary of the palatial Windsor Hotel on the evening of the 12th of December. It was, according to the daily press, a most successful affair, a large number being present. The tables were very neatly decorated with natural flowers. Shortly after eight o'clock the guests entered the dining-hall and took their seats, amid the enlivening strains of Gruenwald's orchestra, who furnished excellent music during the evening. The chair was occupied by the Dean of the Faculty, Dr. F. W. Campbell, who was supported on the right by the Hon. L. O. Taillon, Dr. Hy. Howard, Mr. Alex. Milloy, and Mr. F. E. Nelson, and on the left by U. S. Consul-General Stearns, Dr. Osler, Ald. James McShane, M.P.P., and Mr. Albert D. Nelson. Prominent among the others present were Drs. Trenholme, Rodger, Guerin, Perrigo, Wood, Cameron, A. Laphorn Smith, H. L. Reddy, Proudfoot, Simpson and Armstrong and Rev. Mr. Saunders.

A most *recherche menu* had been provided for the occasion, and was done full justice to, the service, as is usual at the Windsor, being of the very best. The *menu* programme was of a very tasteful and elegant design, and neatly printed—a view of Mount Everest being on the frontispiece.

The arrangements, which were most satisfactory, were under the direction of the following committee:—

Chairman—F. W. Campbell, M.A., M.D., L.R.C.P.L.

Vice-Chairmen—D. D. Gaherty, C.M., M.D., C. D. Ball.

Hon. Secretary—C. A. Wood, C.M., M.D.

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After dinner, the Chairman rose, and, after extending a hearty welcome to the guests present, he called upon.

The Honorary Secretary, Dr. Wood, who announced letters of regret from Mr. Hugh McLennan, Chancellor Heneker, Mr. George Macrae, Q.C., Rev. Dr. Norman, Dr. Gibson