

Dr. Edwards, on behalf of the medical men of Strathroy, invited all present to a Dinner to be given at the Cullen House at 8 o'clock.

The meeting then adjourned, to meet again on Friday the 4th day of February, 1876, at Chatham.

PRACTICE IN THE TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL.

SERVICE OF DR. CASSIDY.

SECONDARY HEMORRHAGE TEN WEEKS AFTER AMPUTATION.—J. N., æt 12, of healthy parentage, was admitted into the Toronto General Hospital on the 10th of Sept. He was playing about the shunting yard of the railway and got his left thigh caught between the buffers of the coupling cars, stripping the flesh off the thigh and greater part of the leg, and exposing the vessels, besides bruising the remaining tissues very badly. He was immediately taken to the Hospital, and the thigh amputated at the upper third. Subsequently, sloughing of the flaps took place and the bone was exposed. On the 16th of Oct. the partially cicatrized stump was opened up, and from two and a half, to three inches of the end of the bone removed, care being taken not to wound the femoral artery. The stump then healed up to within one inch or an inch and a half. On the 19th of November he complained of pain in the stump, but was unable to localize it. The pain continued throughout the day, and towards evening secondary hemorrhage set in, the artery bleeding most furiously. The bed clothes were completely saturated almost in an instant. The house surgeon, Dr. McCollum, was summoned immediately, and was enabled, with some difficulty, to control the hemorrhage, at first by pressure on the vessel where it passes over the os pubis, and afterwards by cutting down and applying a ligature to the femoral about an inch below Poupart's ligament. He experienced considerable difficulty as the tissues appeared softened, and the vessel more or less displaced by the dragging of the muscles of the stump. The patient lost considerable blood; the face was pallid; pulse weak and about 160. Stimulants and port wine were freely administered, and the patient soon improved in his condition. The foot of the bed was ordered to be raised, and the patient to be kept quiet. Under careful manage-

ment he is rapidly improving. Abscess of the stump, involving the vessel, is the supposed cause of the hemorrhage.

SERVICE OF DR. AIKINS.

ROUGHNESS OF THE ARTICULAR SURFACES OF THE ANKLE JOINT.—R. S., æt 15, a plump fleshy girl, Canadian; parents healthy; received an injury to the ankle about two years ago. She was running and got her foot in a hole, and falling, twisted or bent the ankle so as to produce great lameness. The ankle swelled, and continued swollen and painful, although under the careful treatment of Dr. Walton, of Parry Sound, who employed local applications of tincture of iodine, and gave iodide of potassium internally, and such other applications and remedies as are usually had recourse to. Still, there was little or no improvement, and she was finally sent to the Hospital on the 23rd of October. On examination it was observed that on flexing or rotating the foot, a grating sound, caused by the rubbing of the rough surfaces of the articulation, was distinctly heard. This also caused considerable pain. She is allowed to move about on crutches, and the ankle kept in rest by the application of a foot and two side splints fastened together, and adhesive plasters applied in such a manner as to keep up extension. This is done by fixing the shoe to the foot splint and applying long strips of adhesive plaster from below upwards, commencing near the ankle and carried up nearly to the knee, and then over pulleys at the upper extremities of the side splints, and made fast to cords which are tied to rings near the lower extremities of the side pieces. No internal remedies seem to be necessary. She is improving gradually.

SERVICE OF DR. GEIKIE.

SUB-INVOLUTION OF THE UTERUS.—E. J., æt 40, widow; was married fourteen years, and had six children. Father healthy, but mother died of consumption; she was confined four years ago of a still born child. There was considerable trouble in removing the after-birth which was adherent, and great flooding followed. She was, indeed, very ill, and has been sick ever since. She was admitted on the 26th of last May. She complained of constant pain in the back and the region of the womb, especially on the right side, so much so that