

Society Reports.

Toronto Medical Society.

THE regular meeting was held on January 30th, Dr. OLDRIGHT presiding.

Verucca Removed by Electrolysis.—Dr. DOOLITTLE presented a patient from whom he had removed a large verucca by electrolysis. The wart involved the whole of the thumb from the middle of the phalanx to the nail. The patient underwent ten or twelve treatments, when the growth was completely removed. The negative needle was passed down through the corium, and a current of one and a half milliamperes used. Normal skin covered the site of the growth. A number of small warts near the vicinity had been removed at one sitting. The doctor showed how much more effective this treatment was than that by cauterization with various medicinal agents.

Dr. W. J. WILSON explained the method he had adopted, viz, of paring off the warts and cauterizing with nitric acid. He had removed as many as fifty at one sitting.

Club Foot.—Dr. B. E. MCKENZIE read a paper on Club Foot. He presented plaster of Paris casts showing the deformity well marked. The paper first consisted in a description of the pathological anatomy of the condition. He showed how the deformity might be corrected by the mother, by perseverance in manipulating the foot of the young child into the proper shape. The surgeon should constantly have the child under observation, as more active treatment might be necessary. He pointed out that the time of walking was favorable for making the correction. His method of treating equino-varus was by forcible manipulation of the feet (the patient being under an anæsthetic) into an over-corrected position, and held there by means of plaster of Paris splints, a layer of absorbent cotton having been placed next the skin. The splint might remain on for several weeks at a time. After the removal of the splint the chief point in the treatment required the attention of a surgeon, viz, the retention of the foot in the proper position. To accomplish this end, the doctor advised the wearing of a boot constructed on a valgus last, and constructed in such a way as to prevent the return of the deformity. He advised the use of a simple retention apparatus at night. For cases in which the manipulation was not sufficient to produce a perfect correction, the essayist described certain surgical procedures he would resort to in order to