

Reports of Societies

TORONTO CLINICAL SOCIETY.

Stated meeting, January 2nd, 1901. The president, Dr. W. H. B. Aikins, occupied the chair.

AMPUTATION AT SHOULDER JOINT.

Dr. A. Primrose presented this patient and recited the history of the case. A man of thirty-five years last fall, while crossing Queen Street, was run down by a street car, but the motorman was not aware that there was any object under the car until he noticed that something obstructed the wheels. While searching for the obstruction, an arm was brought from the curb, and then the man was found between the front wheels. The arm had been taken off above the insertion of the deltoid, and the tissues were completely cut through. The wheel of the motor had served as an excellent angiotribe, because he had not lost a teaspoonful of blood. When seen by Dr. Primrose at the Emergency Hospital, the arm, or rather stump, was a mass of pulpified tissue, the humerus being broken into three pieces. The upper fragment was fractured into the shoulder joint. The condition of the skin was interesting. There had evidently been an evulsive force, a tubular portion of the skin being found in the arm completely separated from the soft tissues. The axillary artery was tied high up, and having done that, the nerves were cut as high as possible, and then the upper fragment of the humerus was dissected out from the shoulder joint. The patient made a good recovery. There was a small drainage tube in for a few days.

EXOPHTHALMIC GOITRE, WITH REPORT OF TWO CASES.

Dr. W. B. Thistle reviewed the causes of this disease, and then reported two cases. The first occurred in a man aged thirty-four years, and the second in a woman aged thirty-four years. The woman consulted him for weakness and nervousness; had for some time slight enlargement of the neck, which had recently increased. She was a tall thin woman, married, having two children. Temperature was slightly elevated; pulse in the neighborhood of 120; prominent eye-balls. For some time had noticed palpitation, and had experienced fear and a sense of nervousness. The gland was punctured and a dark-brown fluid drawn off. A solution of perchloride of iron was injected. Recovery was complete in this case. The second case gave a history of having had Grave's disease some six years ago. Recovery was complete at