

Present, Dr. Girdwood, President, in the chair, Senator Murphy, Dr. Sterling, and Messrs. Stevenson, Geo. Sumner, Richards, Learmont, Chambers, Beaudry, Johnston, Gardner, Lovejoy, Shaw. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

At the request of the President, Dr. Wyatt Johnston then read an exceedingly interesting paper, his subject being the "Microscope in Medicine." He began by saying that it was about 30 years since the microscope began to be used in the investigation of different diseases to which humanity was subject, and by its aid an immense amount of light had been thrown upon what was now termed the germ theory. In such diseases as tuberculosis, heart disease, la grippe and others, the bacilli in the sputum could be recognized by the aid of the microscope, and the practitioner was greatly assisted in diagnosing his case. Through the same instrumentality it had been proved that dysentery was caused by an intestinal parasite, and the discovery of the common bacillus of cholera was also due to its power. In the examination of blood it was shown to be invaluable; it not only revealed its condition, but often assisted the physician to locate disease when other methods failed.

Great interest was manifested in the experiments which followed, as Dr. Johnston gave practical illustrations of the methods employed in the examination of blood.

At the close of the lecture the members present joined in a general discussion of the subject, and before adjourning a very hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Dr. Johnston for his interesting lecture.

The President then announced that the last lecture of the season would be delivered by J. B. McConnell, Esq., M.D., C.M., subject, "Normal Histology of the Brain and Spinal Cord."

The meeting then adjourned.