

faithfully made by your painstaking, punctual, and very zealous recording secretary, by whose politeness I have been enabled to gather the following abstracts in this relation.

At the meeting of 15th May, 1879, a very instructive demonstration, illustrated by appropriate drawings and apparatus, was given by Dr. Oldright, on the highly important subject of the deleterious influence, in dwellings, of sewer gas. This subject was ably followed up by Dr. Oldright, at the subsequent meeting of the 29th of same month, and I doubt not it commanded the serious consideration of all who had the pleasure of listening to Dr. Oldright's lucid and able exposition of the evils resulting from this class of structural domestic arrangements.

On 12th June, in the absence of any forthcoming paper, the President read a translation of the notes of the Extirpation of a Tumour on the Neck, published in a South American journal.

On 10th July, Mr. Monk, an honorary member, read a very interesting paper on the Relation between Health and Weather, in which he showed the great importance of a rational and comprehensive system of regular records and statistical returns in relation to this desirable object.

On 28th August, Dr. Nevitt read a paper of similar purport to the preceding.

On 25th September, Dr. Adam Wright read a valuable paper on Hypertrophy of the Prostate Gland, which led to much instructive discussion, and certainly made serious impression on the senior members present.

On October 9th, Dr. McPhedran gave a paper on Cystitis, which was characterized by his usual well-known ability.

On October 3rd, the Society were entertained by Dr. Alt, on the subject of Tumours in the Anterior Part of the Eye, other than epitheliomata.

On November 6th, Dr. Graham read a paper on the rare form of disease called *Morphea*, which was regarded by the Society as a valuable contribution to the department of dermatology, and led to instructive discussion.

On November 20th, Dr. Wilson, a zealous country member, read a practical paper on

Anæmia, in which he evinced an intimate knowledge of the class of morbid affections related to this constitutional condition. He was followed by Dr. Riddel, who read a paper on Smallpox, in which much valuable clinical and statistical information was given.

On December 4th, Dr. Temple, whose presence we could all desire to have been more frequent, read a paper on The Use of the Long Forceps. This paper elicited a very instructive and free discussion, in which its author bore no weak part, and acquitted himself with that frankness and clearness of diction which all who know him well know to be his constant characteristics.

On January 15th, 1880, the President read a printed paper, published by Dr. A. Robertson, of Glasgow, on "*Some of the Pathological and Physiological Relations of Brain and Mind*," &c., &c.

On January 29th, Dr. Covernton read a valuable paper on "Perforating Gastric Ulcer," which merited the earnest consideration and thanks of the Society.

On February 12th, Dr. Gahan read a very useful paper on Pyæmia, which was equally indicative of his discreet research and his extended professional erudition. Junior members of the profession may not appreciate such industrious productions so warmly as those of advanced years; yet I venture to say, that a writer who reproduces much that is truly good and sound is a better contributor to true science than one who dilates in original crudities or random hypotheses.

March 11th, Dr. Robinson treated us to a disquisition on a disease with which he gives adequate proofs of no slender professional, though of course not personal, intimacy,—Gonorrhœa, to wit:—as Dr. R. led us to believe that he was treating of a malady of which his clinical observance has been extensive, it is to be hoped he will favour us with a further exposition of his views on a very important kindred malady before another anniversary comes round.

On March 11th, we had the gratification of hearing a very suggestive paper from Dr. White, on early abortions, which was well received and profitably discussed.