

## MYXADENITIS LABIALIS.

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(Read at the open meeting of the Kingston Medical and Surgical Society.)

GENTLEMEN,—In presuming to interest you, for a few minutes, I trust, I fully appreciate the fact, that I am addressing enthusiastic students who are as well practitioners of extensive experience. While we have reason to be glad that our lives have been in the days of splendid achievements, so rapidly following one after another, that we cease to consider the discoveries in bacteriology, the use of anti-toxine, X rays, Murphy's button and nitrogen lung splints, &c., as anything but ordinary every day affairs; still we may be also glad, there is much yet to learn. How monotonous will the practice of medicine become, when the newly graduated M.D. "hangs out his shingle" with full confidence that he knows it all. He will be an Æsculapian Buddha.

I shall not attempt to give a résumé of mycoses generally, or of any particular mycosis, which would almost wholly be extracts from text books, but simply report a case, which is the only one of the kind I have met in twenty years general practice.

In nomenclature I have followed During as inflammation of the mucus glands of the lips is the most prominent symptom. In December, 1897, I was consulted by Miss M., a large blonde young woman twenty years old, a member of a family of thirteen healthy children. On account of illness she had recently returned from Nova Scotia, where she had resided for a few years.

She had been ill ten months, four of which were passed in bed. All I could learn of the nature of the disease was that she had a fever, which the attending physician called a "low fever," with sore throat and sore lips.

When I first saw her the condition, briefly stated, was that of anæmia, with the usual rapid heart, dyspnœa on exertion, slight anasarca, absence of menses for four months, neuralgia, anorexia, obstinate constipation, papular desquamating rash on scalp, loss of hair, sore throat, sore lips, profuse leucorrhœa, inflamed very sensitive patches on vulva. The cervix of uterus