

Society Reports.

Toronto Clinical Society.

THE regular meeting of this society was held January 12th, in St. George's Hall, Toronto.

Umbilical Hernia.—Dr. Fenton presented, for Dr. Bingham, a child who had suffered from umbilical hernia. The radical operation was done with good result.

Fracture of Frontal Bone.—Dr. Fenton presented a patient of his own, aged nineteen, who in August last received a blow from a bicycle frame which, having become entangled with an emory wheel, flew round and struck him in the forehead with great force, producing a compound fracture of the frontal bone. Some of the brain substance exuded. At an operation a few hours later the position of the fracture was seen to be one and one-half inches above the superciliary ridge, extending from the middle line one inch to the right in a curved direction, the convexity being exposed. The lower edge was depressed, and several fragments were driven into the brain. The fragments were removed, and considerable brain matter. There was a good deal of hæmorrhage from the longitudinal sinus which was opened into. The patient was able to be up and around in eight days, a perfect recovery ensuing. The other wounds healed uneventfully.

Dr. G. A. Peters thought there was some risk in allowing a patient with such serious injury to the head up so soon. He thought such cases should be treated with great caution, and at least be kept quiet in bed for two or three weeks. He reported a case of similar injury in which there was fracture, depression, and loss of brain substance in the Rolandic area. The arm centre of the opposite side was destroyed. The patient was being treated by electricity, and he hoped for a good recovery.

Necrosis of Femur.—Dr. Wm. Oldright presented a young man who had for some years suffered from necrosis of the femur, and had undergone several operations for the relief of the same. He had had him under observation for a year and had operated upon the leg. He had last year removed a peculiar organized clot which he had removed while in search for the necrosed portion of the bone.

Dr. Oldright showed a second patient who, on the 17th of May last, sustained a compound fracture of both legs. The left one was