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TORONTO CLINICAL SOCIETY.

Stated Meeting, March 7th, 1900.

The President in the chair. *Fellows present:* Aikins, Peters, King, Primrose, Small, Trow, Lehman, Oldright, Thistle, Fotheringham, Rudolf, Silverthorn, Pepler, Fenton, McCollum, Dwyer, Boyd, Hamilton, and Elliott. *Visitors:* Dr. Clarence Starr and Dr. Spence of the T. G. H. *Nominations:* Dr. C. B. Shuttleworth and Dr. A. Y. Scott by Drs. Fenton and Pepler.

Nominations for officers for 1900-1901 will be held in April.

CASES ILLUSTRATING OPERATIVE PROCEDURE IN TUBERCULOUS DISEASE OF KNEE.

DR. A. PRIMROSE presented two patients, one a young man of nineteen years and the other a boy of eight, showing different forms, the first one complete excision and the second a case of erosion. The first patient came under his care in July, 1894. Three years prior thereto, great swelling occurred in the knee joint and patient was treated at that time by rest and the application of a Thomas' splint. Became apparently well under this treatment until February, 1894, when the trouble again appeared. Under somewhat similar treatment he became gradually worse, and at the time he came under Dr. Primrose's care, there was very advanced disease of the knee joint. At that time the knee was flexed at an angle of 100 degrees, with little or no pain unless on manipulation, when there was a slight amount of pain; there was also marked atrophy in the muscles of the thigh and leg—very pronounced symptoms of extensive tuberculosis of the