

Meetings of Medical Societies.

TORONTO CLINICAL SOCIETY.

THE February meeting was held in St. George's Hall. President Allen Baines in the chair.

Dr. F. L. M. Grassett reported a case of

AMPUTATION AT THE HIP-JOINT.

Patient, carpenter. Last spring, first symptom, pain in the groin, was noticed, gradually extending to thigh, accompanied by swelling. In three weeks he was obliged to go to bed. Glands in groin were enlarged and hard. The swelling was most marked in the centre of the left thigh, especially on the outside of the bone. He was kept in the hospital some months, but did not improve. As fears of malignancy were entertained by the surgeons who examined patient amputation was done at the hip by Furneaux Jordan's method. Wyeth's pins were used, digital compression employed, making the operation bloodless. Recovery was complete. Mortality in pre-antiseptic days was about 87 per cent.; now 34.4.

OPERATION FOR NEGLECTED FISTULA

was the title of a paper by Dr. G. A. Peters; the method he employed had been in vogue formerly, and was used in cases where the internal opening was near the outlet, the fistula narrow and indurated, with an external opening some distance from the anus, and not causing more inconvenience to patients, perhaps, than emitting a little moisture. It might be as deep as the gluteus maximus and extend out six inches. The history and treatment of three such cases were given by the essayist. The whole sinus was laid open, the whole tract of the sinus dissected out, and this large wound stitched up with deep sutures of silkworm gut, approximating the surfaces throughout. A catheter placed in the rectum is of much value, allowing flatus to escape. In these cases the wound healed by first intention, although Allingham says it is almost impossible to prevent fæces from getting into the wound.