

THE OTTAWA MEDICAL SOCIETY.

A meeting was held in Water Street Hospital on April 26th, 1901, Dr. J. L. Cabot, President, in the chair.

DR. HORSEY reported two cases of *Soft Cataract* recently operated on with good results. The first was due to cutting injury in a young man of 24 years, and the other to some constitutional cause, non-diabetic, in a woman of 40 years.

General Ptoxis of the Abdominal Organs.

DR. A. T. SHILLINGTON read a paper on this subject. In the discussion which followed, the view was generally expressed that some central lesion was concerned in the production of the relaxation of the ligamentous and muscular tissues, possibly some derangement of the sympathetic system.

DR. PREVOST instanced cases where surgical treatment by colporrhaphy and ventrofixation caused improvement only for a time, the same condition developing after six months. General hygiene, massage, tonics, abdominal supports, and regulated exercise ought to be tried before operation was advised.

The Society met in St. Luke's Hospital on May 19, 1901, for the Discussion of Clinical Cases.

DR. JAMES GRANT, JR., showed three specimens of stones removed at various times by perineal section.

DR. MCCARTHY reported a case of *Intestinal Obstruction* with obstinate vomiting in a woman of 51, lasting three days. The cause was a very large enterolith, the size of a hen's egg, with a gall-stone nucleus. It was finally passed with the assistance of repeated high enemata.

DR. CHABOT reported a case of *Intestinal Obstruction* lasting for ten days in a woman of 74, with most urgent symptoms, including suppression of urine and convulsions. The case finally recovered after large doses of calomel.

DR. J. A. GRANT, JR., showed a patient for whom he had performed *Excision of the Rectum*, by a modified Kraske's operation. The operation had been undertaken for columnar carcinoma, and nine inches of the rectum were removed. The patient was a butcher, aged 40, who had suffered agonizing pain for months. The operation was accompanied by profound shock, but the man was doing well.

DR. KIDD showed hair removed from a *Dermoid Cyst* taken from a woman of 26 years from the abdominal wall just below the umbilicus. He also exhibited 50 *Gall-stones* removed three weeks previously from a