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Original Communications.

Syphilis and Its Treatment.*

BY DR. A. R. ROBINSON, OF NEW YORK.

He said his paper was only fragmentary, but he would discuss the question on broad lines ; he would endeavor to show that energetic, continuous treatment should be employed throughout the whole period of the contagious stage from the time the disease could be earliest recognized, followed by interrupted treatment during life, so as to procure as far as possible immunity, to prevent the formation of lesions and injury to the tissue in any part of the body. The aim of treatment should be to avoid or minimize dangerous structural changes in important organs, to give a benign character to the disease, and to leave the system in about as normal a condition as it is after such acute diseases as scarlet fever, variola and the like ; to leave the system in much the same condition as a mother is left who has received immunity without receiving the specific organisms from the foetus, not being able to acquire syphilis, and hence not acquiring the

*Read at a meeting of the Toronto Medical Society.