

He was in the habit of employing calomel. Tympanites could be avoided to a great extent by a proper diet. In feeding, now, he gives very little milk, but that little always peptonized. He believes in making the patient drink two or three quarts of pure water in the twenty-four hours. Albumen water with sugar may be given from the first, after the first two weeks he gives liquid peptonoids, or some of the numerous preparations of beef, jellies, mutton broth or a soft-boiled egg.

As regards the hygienic treatment, the bedding and the night clothes should be changed daily. The room should be kept thoroughly ventilated, admitting plenty of fresh air and sunshine. The patient should be sponged frequently with tepid water, just as good results resulting from tepid water as from sponging with very cold water or the cold bath, and it was not so distasteful to most patients. In hospital practice, Dr. Bray used the electric fan after using the tepid water. He has found this plan very satisfactory, especially in young and sensitive children.

DR. RUSSELL THOMAS discussed the paper, and said that he had found the ice-cap beneficial, that it did not disturb the patient and had a decided effect in reducing the temperature.

Third Day—Afternoon Session.

The Address in Surgery.

This was delivered by DR. O. M. JONES, Victoria, B.C., and it proved a very able and masterful effort. See page 676.

DR. F. J. SHEPHERD, of Montreal, proposed a vote of thanks; DR. A. A. MACDONALD, of Toronto, seconded this; SIR JAMES GRANT, of Ottawa, supported the motion, which was unanimously passed by the Association.

A Surgical Procedure for the Relief of Ovarian-Tension Pain.

DR. HENRY HOWITT, Guelph, Ont., read this paper, opening with the question: Is not pain, frequently, if not usually, caused by tension on some nerve filament? In Dr. Howitt's opinion, the answer should be in the affirmative. The operation Dr. Howitt employs is quite simple. The ovary is exposed and then a number of cross-sections are quickly made through the tense capsule in such a manner as to divide it. Then the large Graafian follicles are opened. They are merely touched with carbolic acid. If the capsule is thickened a portion should be removed. Hæmorrhage has never been troublesome. Adhesions give rise to no complications. Dr. Howitt recited the histories of two or three cases in support of the operation.

DR. LAPHORN SMITH stated that he had never heard of this operation before, and considered that it was original with Dr. Howitt.