

## Society Meetings.

### NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Dec] 19th, 1902. Meeting held at the Nova Scotia Hospital, Dartmouth, the President, Dr. G. M. Campbell, in the chair.

Dr. MacKenzie showed a case of general paralysis to whom a peculiar injury had happened. Another patient had assaulted him by striking him with a pipe-stem in the eye. On cleaning out the wound it was found that the whole stem had been run into the orbit and through the sphenoidal fissure, penetrating three inches along the base to petrous portion of temporal bone. After its removal the patient got along fairly well, but eye remained blind. The muscles were not paralyzed at all.

Dr. Goodwin mentioned a case where part of an ink-bottle was blown into the orbit.

Dr. Lawlor showed a case of fracture of malar bone from a fall. There was some flattening which had nearly disappeared.

Dr. Hattie then presented a case of katatonia—muscular rigidity, verbituation and echololia and constrained attitude. He resists everything, even things he desires to do himself, and makes peculiar noises.

Dr. Hattie then read a paper which was partly a "Symposium on Mental Disease," and treated of the classification, etiology and some clinical aspects.

Dr. MacKenzie followed with "The Treatment of Mental Disease."

Dr. Lawlor completed the series of papers by one on "The Pathology of Mental Disease."

Dr. Walsh, referring to the pathology, thought arterial degeneration was not always accompanied by mental symptoms.

Dr. Chisholm mentioned a case of exhaustion insanity after pneumonia in which patient accosted him as the second person of the Trinity.

Dr. Stewart referred to some cases of cretinism and myxoedema.

Meeting then adjourned to the superintendent's dining-room where the members enjoyed an excellent supper. Before departing a hearty