

REPORT OF THE TORONTO MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The Society met on July 14th, the President in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Dr. Sheard exhibited a specimen of aneurysm of the abdominal aorta, also the heart from the same case, weight nineteen ounces; it was hypertrophied and dilated, with vegetations on the aortic and mitral valves, and atheroma of the aortic arch. The patient from whom this specimen was taken was syphilitic, the kidneys were congested, and the liver nutmeg. The same gentleman also exhibited a portion of the lower end of a femur, which showed a spiculum of bone projecting from the internal condyloid ridge, just where the femoral artery passes into the popliteal space. There had also existed in the same case an aneurysm of the popliteal artery, supposed to have been brought about by the artery having been punctured by the spiculum of bone.

The discussion of Dr. Graham's paper on Leucocythæmia was then taken up, which partook of a conversational form.

Dr. J. S. King was then elected a member of the society.

Dr. Workman then read a paper upon "Animal Magnetism." He spoke of the functions which the various nervous systems played in the hypnotised person. He gave the methods of inducing and relieving hypnotism, and spoke of its relation to hysteria. He mentioned some very interesting experiments, as performed by Charcot and others, and spoke of the effect of hypnotism upon the senses, its application to surgery in place of ether and chloroform was not successful. He also related some of the phenomena produced by suggestion in the hypnotised person.

The Society met on the 22nd September, the President in the chair. After the reading of the minutes, Dr. Sheard exhibited a liver in which there existed two large hydatid cysts, the right one the larger of the two, communicated with the duodenum. The patient, prior to her death had been passing hydatids by the bowels. In the same patient, in the region of the right ovary there existed an independent cyst, having no communication with the other

cysts in the liver or any of the viscera. It contained hydatids in its interior.

Dr. Nevitt then showed a fleshy mole; it was a perfect cast of the uterus, and consisted of fibrine. There was no muscular tissue in its composition.

Dr. Nevitt then read a paper upon Pertussis. He related the history of the disease and the derivation of the name, he thought it to be one of the most contagious and fatal of diseases, and referred to the early age at which the disease may occur. He referred to a case in his own practice where the disease showed itself shortly after birth. He thought there existed a distinct ratio between the prodromic stage of the disease and the disease itself. He gave instances where death occurred from complications. The treatment is by the administration of belladonna, chlorate of potash, chloral hydrate, and quinine, with the exhibition of inhalations and maintaining the strength.

Drs. Workman, Covernton, Canniff, and others, took part in the discussion upon the paper.

Dr. Oldright mentioned a case of atrophy of the scapular muscles, in which he ordered tonics and electricity; and also of incontinence of urine, where the administration of belladonna to its full effect had failed to prove serviceable.

Dr. Geo. Wright mentioned a case of chancre of the lip, in which the patient neglected the treatment ordered, and secondary symptoms showed themselves.

Dr. Cameron referred to a case of lacerated wound of the face, from the kick of a horse, also an extensive saw-wound of the hand, where primary union had taken place under the lead and spirit lotion dressing.

Dr. Macdonald mentioned a case of parturition in which there was complete rupture of the perineum extending into the rectum, which united without any surgical interference.

Dr. Canniff having resigned his position on the active staff of the Toronto General Hospital Dr. J. H. Burns has been appointed in his place.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

MARRIAGE.

On the 4th inst., at Montreal, Henry Yarwood Baldwin, Esq., M.D., C.M., to Adele Gertrude Mary Pinsonneault, youngest daughter of the late Alfred Pinsonneault, Esq.

DEATH.

In Galt, on Thursday, the 13th inst., Agnes C. Graham, beloved wife of Dr. J. P. Brown, aged 36 years.