

the rectus femoris muscle, and a couple of pillows were placed under the knees.

April 21st.—All pain and crepitus on manipulation had disappeared, and patient could flex the thigh without discomfort.

April 25th.—Firm union had evidently taken place, and patient could walk about the wards with ease. Discharged.

The above case is very interesting on account of its extreme rarity.—*Lancet*.

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.—CONGENITAL CLEFT PALATE TREATED BY THE APPLICATION OF STRONG NITRIC ACID, AND WITHOUT OPERATION.

(Under the care of Mr. Francis Mason.)

Mr. Mason has at the present time under observation at this hospital several interesting cases of congenital cleft palate, which he is treating by the application of strong nitric acid alone, and consequently without the use of the knife. The ages of the patients vary from a few weeks to several years. Mr. Mason thinks that this method of affecting union is especially applicable to cases in which the cleft is of average extent, and even where the hard palate is partially implicated. In more severe instances the ordinary operation may be required. Mr. Mason finds that the application of the acid is attended with no pain or inconvenience whatever to the patient, and although the cure is more slowly accomplished, it has the advantage of being sure, and of completely closing the fissure in the most perfect manner, without the risk of the parts giving way, either wholly or partially, as too often happens after the usual operation of staphyloraphy. A further gain seems to be that the cases may be dealt with as out-patients, as in all the examples now under notice. Mr. Mason, after many trials, prefers the strong nitric acid to any other form of caustic. We shall continue to watch the progress of these cases, and give the results on a future occasion.—*Lancet*.

Subjects were so scarce last session in Edinburgh that twenty dissectors were allotted to each body, instead of ten as formerly.

Meetings of Medical Societies.

HALDIMAND MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Haldimand Medical Association, was held in the Town Hall, Caledonia, on Monday, the 17th of July, when the following members were present:—Dr. McCargow, Caledonia, President; Dr. Davis, York, President; Dr. Hillyer, Caledonia, Secretary; Dr. Bethune, M. M. C., Mount Hope; Dr. Baxter, M.P.P., Cayuga; Dr. Dee, Tuscarora; Dr. Harrison, Selkirk; Dr. Jones, Hagarsville; Dr. Dillaburgh, Caledonia; and Dr. Burnburg; Dr. Henwood, of Brantford, M.M.C., for the Territorial Division, was also present, by special invitation.

The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read, and certain accounts presented and ordered to be paid, the Association proceeded to the election of officers, when it was—

Moved by Dr. Bethune, seconded by Dr. Baxter, That all the officers of last year be re-elected.—Carried.

Several members having expressed their pleasure at seeing the representative of the Territorial Division, Dr. Henwood, present, it was—

Moved by Dr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Bethune, That this Association has much pleasure in admitting Dr. Henwood as an honorary member, and that the Secretary record his name on the roll as such.—Carried.

Dr. Henwood acknowledged the compliment in a few well-timed remarks, and took the opportunity of thanking the members for their unanimous support of his candidature at the last Territorial Division election.

The following resolutions were then introduced, and elicited an animated discussion, in which Drs. Henwood, Bethune, Baxter, Davis, and others, took an eloquent part.

Resolved, That this Association considers that it would be to the interest of the profession and of the general public if the number of the representatives in the Medical Council were increased, and that with this object it would be desirable to have the Medical Act so amended as to enable each Territorial Division to return two members instead of one as heretofore.