

that its extirpation when early removed, was possible.

After a vote of thanks to Drs. Hingston and Campbell, the Society adjourned.

MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 21ST, 1873:

Dr. R. Palmer Howard, President, in the Chair.

Dr. Reddy read a paper on cystic disease of the kidney. The patient was a female, aged 43 years; of large make, having, when in health, weighed 275 pounds. Up to October, 1871, her health was good. In May, 1872, she had consulted Dr. Godfrey, who diagnosed a tumor of right side, and advised a visit to the sea side. She went to Portland, where she consulted an eminent practitioner, who ordered croton oil liniment, which gave her relief. When first seen by Dr. Reddy, the face was emaciated and of an olive tinge; much care-worn, and walked slowly with a rotary motion. On sitting down she had difficulty in rising, and complained of pains along her thighs to her knees. The body was considerably wasted, and the muscles were soft and flabby. About two inches below the umbilicus was a nodular tumor, extending up to the pancreas. The first diagnosis was cancer of the liver and spleen. The patient suffered a good deal from headaches and nausea; a severe attack of the latter occurring about last November, when iced soda-water gave very great relief. The patient voided normal quantities of urine; but it frequently assumed the appearance of porter. Dr. Howard, who saw the case in consultation, believed it to be a case of Farr's tubercle of the liver, and in this view Dr. Reddy concurred. The tumor was hard and unyielding, and there was not any pain on handling it. On the 20th of last January there was a return of the vomiting, when peptoidin was ordered and taken with very great relief. She became, about this time, exceedingly restless, and chloral was administered in fifteen grain doses, with benefit. About the 8th of February the voice became husky; on the 9th, there was complete aphonia; on the 10th, there was great difficulty in breathing, pain in the larynx, and inability to swallow liquids; on the 11th, she had all the appearance of being in the last stage of croup; and she died early on the morning of the 12th.

On making an autopsy, two cystic bodies were found extending from the sixth rib to the crest of the illum, and, on removing them, they were found to be the kidneys. The left kidney weighed four and one half pounds, the right kidney four pounds and half an ounce. The pancreas was healthy, as

was also the liver, which was pushed upward and backward.

The kidneys were exhibited to the Society, and were examined with great interest by the members.

Dr. Godfrey said that when the patient returned from the sea-side she again consulted him. She complained of rheumatic pains and inability to walk. She had a great fear of falling down stairs, from this inability to walk properly. When he discovered a tumor he believed that it was cancer of the liver.

Dr. Howard said he had to confess he was surprised when he was told that it was cystic disease of the kidneys. As stated by Dr. Reddy, he thought it a case of cancer of the liver; one of the grounds of his diagnosis was, that the enormous tumor was quite superficial, there being no intestines between it and the abdominal walls. It did not carry the intestines before it as renal tumours are said to do. Dullness was also continued up to limit of upper line of dullness. Another peculiarity of the tumor was its great mobility; both could be moved about with ease, while malignant disease usually fixes the kidney. As regards the origin of the disease, he believed it was congenital, and that the cysts had been growing from childhood. He was inclined to this view because it was a well-known foetal disease; one case being recorded, where a child was with difficulty brought into the world, from the size of both its kidneys.

The Report of the Committee on Fees was then taken up, and discussed; a large number of the suggestions being unanimously carried. The consideration of the balance of the report was postponed till the next meeting.

A vote of thanks having been passed to Dr. Reddy, the Society adjourned.

DIED.

In Montreal, on the 6th February, Alfred Nelson, Licentiate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada, aged

In Montreal, on the 29th January, William Sutherland, jun., M.D., aged 26 years, son of William Sutherland, M.D., formerly Professor of Chemistry in McGill College.

In Montreal, on the 20th February, Diana Caroline, beloved wife of Chas. Smallwood, M.D., LL.D., D.C.L.

At Pakenham, Ont., on the 4th February, Edward Bowen Gibson, M.D., in the 33rd year of his age.

In Hamilton on the 7th February, George Donnelly, Esq., M.P., aged 39 years.

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