

OTTAWA MEDICAL SOCIETY.

This Society met at St. Luke's Hospital on Friday evening, Dec. 14th, 1900, Dr. J. L. Chabot, president, in the chair.

Cataract with Delayed Maturation.

DR. HORSEY showed a case of double cataract with delayed maturation in a woman of 85.—To hasten ripening he had done an iridectomy on the right eye with massage of the lens, and later, a needling. A month ago he had extracted the lens with good result. He proposed to deal with the left eye also if the patient desired it.

Treatment of Acute Pneumonia.

DR. DOWLING read a paper with this title, an account of the results of several years experience of the disease in a large lumbering district. The value of bleeding in the early stages of certain cases was alluded to. He was in the habit of using acetate of ammonia with sweet spirits of nitre in the early stages and cold sponges for the high temperature. For pain, morphine was permissible only at the outset. For restlessness and sleeplessness he recommended the bromides and ice to the head. The careful watching of the pulse was insisted on and reference made to the value of ammonia, strychnine and digitalis in failing heart. Complications and their treatment were mentioned, and several cases of sudden death in young and robust people, some of whom had had but moderately severe attacks, reported.

DR. SMALL referred to the value of a good dose of calomel at the onset of the disease, and to the great importance of an airy room and careful general management throughout the illness. He said that oxygen very often might save life.

DR. COUSENS related a case in a child of 12 with hyperpyrexia, 107° F., near the crisis. It was treated with ice water packs for ten hours without influence upon the temperature. He then removed the pack and used stimulants and hot blankets. The crisis came the next morning.

DR. KIDD referred to a fatal case probably owing to the use of morphine late in the illness.

DR. GORRELL instanced two experiences of several cases of the disease following each other in the same house. He recommended antikamnia and strapping the side for severe pleuritic pain.

DR. J. A. GRANT spoke of a case of pneumonia following grippe in a pregnant woman in whom alarming tachycardia came on. Opium was