

in chronic Bright's Disease," in which he referred: 1. To the fact that so many cases of chronic Bright's Disease were for a long time unsuspected, and the physician was first called to see the patient with some grave manifestations, cerebral or otherwise. Cases were given to illustrate. 2. Some peculiarities in the onset of the uræmic symptoms, of which two cases were given; one, in which violent mania ushered in the uræmic attack in a man in whom no kidney trouble had previously been suspected, and in a second, a woman in whom pronounced hysterical symptoms preceded an attack of uræmic coma. 3. The occurrence of fatal uræmic symptoms at a very early stage of renal cirrhosis.

Two instances of sudden and fatal uræmic symptoms in apparently healthy men, and the condition of the kidneys was such that they would have passed a superficial inspection, but on microscopical examination changes were found in the form of atrophy of some of the tufts and slight epithelial alterations.

Dr. Graham, of Toronto, thought that the sphymograph was frequently of great diagnostic value in these obscure or unsuspected cases, and referred to a remarkable case of chronic Bright's Disease, which had come under his observation, in which there were pronounced uræmic symptoms, and finally death, and yet the amount of urea excreted was not at any time below the normal quantity.

Dr. Holmes, of Chatham, read a paper on "Erosions of the Female Urethra."

Dr. Major, of Montreal, read a paper on "Tumours of the Naso-pharynx," in which he gave a description of the different varieties found with modes of removal.

Dr. Oldright, of Toronto, exhibited a specimen of fibro-myxoma of the thigh, and read notes of the case.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION.

A special meeting of those interested in sanitary matters was held, at which a Sanitary Association was organized.

Dr. Sweetland, of Ottawa, was appointed chairman, and Dr. Campbell, of Scaforth, secretary.

During the afternoon the members went an excursion among the Thousand Islands.

#### MILITARY SECTION.

The doctors who are connected with the militia held a meeting on Thursday at which they discussed their various relations to the

militia force of the Dominion and decided to ask the Association to send the following recommendations to the Minister of Militia.

1. The organization of a Militia Medical Department with a chief medical officer at headquarters.

2. That the senior medical officer in each military district be appointed Principal Medical Officer.

3. That substantive rank be granted to all military medical officers.

4. That the medical department shall be supplied with all the necessary equipment for the use of the force when required.

5. That it be further submitted to the Hon. the Minister of Militia the advisability of changing the titles and designations of Canadian medical officers so that they will correspond with those held by the medical officers of the British service, thus: Surgeon instead of Assistant-Surgeon; Surgeon-Major instead of Surgeon; Brigade-Surgeon instead of Surgeon-Major; Deputy Surgeon-General, etc.

6. That the scale of pay and allowances of the Militia Medical Department be assimilated to that of the corresponding ranks of the British Medical Department.

The report was presented by Surgeon-Major Thorburn, seconded by Prof. Gardner, of McGill College, Montreal, and passed unanimously.

#### FRIDAY MORNING.

The Committee on Nominations brought in their report, which was accepted without amendment. As a consequence the following officers and members of committees were elected:—

*President*—Dr. Sullivan, of Kingston.

*Vice-Presidents*—Ontario, Dr. Thorburn; Quebec, Dr. Robillard; New Brunswick, Dr. James Christie; Nova Scotia, Dr. McDonald; Manitoba, Dr. Lynch.

*General Secretary*—Dr. Osler, of Montreal.

*Treasurer*—Dr. Sheard, of Toronto.

*Local Secretaries*—Ontario, Dr. Bray, Chatham; Quebec, Dr. James Bell, Montreal; New Brunswick, Dr. Coleman, St. John; Nova Scotia, Dr. Black, jr., Halifax; Manitoba, Dr. Betts, Winnipeg.

The next place of meeting to be Montreal, the date to be left to the President and Secretary, in order to arrange for the meeting to be held immediately before the meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

*Committee of Management*—Drs. Hing-