

Society Reports.

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Popliteal Aneurism.—Dr. W. J. WILSON presented a patient with popliteal aneurism. He had operated on the patient in 1884. The following were the notes taken at the time: J. M., aged 30, a plasterer. His father died at the age of fifty-two of heart disease. Mother alive and healthy. Brothers and sisters healthy. Patient says he had brain fever when a child. Always delicate. At the age of seventeen he had gonorrhœa with a chancre and suppurating bubo. Took medicine for two months—"a strengthening medicine," probably not antispecific. Has never had any venereal disease since. With the exception of faint spells from heat and overwork has had good health. Been married nine years. Wife healthy. She had one miscarriage about the second month, after jumping from a chair. At this time she suffered from considerable hæmorrhage. Has had five children; three living and healthy. Two died from convulsions. One was ill five weeks, the other five months. There was marked enlargement of the cervical glands of the patient and at the bend of the elbow. No history of secondary syphilis. Three weeks ago while standing at work at his bench, he felt a pain behind the right knee, which, although not severe at first, greatly increased in severity. Next morning he could not walk without suffering very great pain. A lump was noticed at the seat of the pain, which increased in size. It had a remarkable expansile movement. It grew to be about the size of a hen's egg. Compression was tried by the use of Esmarch's bandage for one hour, extending upward from the foot to the knee, skipping the knee, and then around the thigh. Digital compression was tried for a time, but for lack of hands was not kept up. The operation of tying the femoral at the apex of Scarpa's triangle was then done with good result. The tumor decreased in size quickly, and in three weeks the patient was walking about. The history since 1884 was, that he had had hæmorrhage from the lungs four years ago, and one or two since.

Lupus.—Dr. F. N. G. STARR presented a patient suffering from lupus. Two years ago a small spot appeared on the cheek, purple in color. No attention was paid to it until this winter, when it was noticed to increase and a number of other spots to grow on the face and legs. A discharge from the nose irritates the upper part of the lips. Complains of no pain unless he receives a blow on the cheek,