

whole leaf. He did not care for digitalin, as it is very variable in its action, though he had seen one case in which it did good.

Dr. Kirkpatrick moved and Dr. Ross seconded a vote of thanks to Dr. MacDougall for his valuable paper. This was put and carried, to which Dr. MacDougall replied in suitable terms.

ST. JOHN MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Nov. 19th, 1902. Dr. Stewart Skinner, President, in the chair.

Clinical case—Dr. Scammell showed a patient with a small piece of iron in the crystalline lens, which was giving rise to a cataract.

Pathological specimens—Dr. T. D. Walker exhibited two vesical calculi having portions of a red rubber catheter as nuclei. They were removed by suprapubic cystotomy.

A paper entitled "Case of Cæsarean Section, followed by Abdominal Hysterectomy," was read by Dr. W. W. Chipman of Montreal.

The patient was 32 years of age and a primipara. Labour came on at seven months. The pelvis was found to be filled with a fibroid tumour and the os uteri was tilted above the pubes.

The abdomen was opened and the uterus transversely incised at the fundus. This opened into the placenta and gave rise to severe hæmorrhage, notwithstanding that the ovarian arteries had been previously ligated. After removal of the foetus, the uterus was removed in the usual manner. On the day following operation, the patient developed broncho-pneumonia, for which oxygen inhalations were found to have excellent effect. The patient made an excellent recovery and left the hospital in one month. The child lived four days.

The history of caesarian section and the various modifications of operation were then fully detailed.

The subject was discussed by Drs. Skinner, Daniel, T. Walker, J. Christie, Wetmore, Burnett, T. D. Walker, who gave particulars of two cases, Lewin, Hetherington, MacLaren, Lunney, McCully and Shaughnessy.

A vote of thanks was tendered Dr. Chipman for his paper, which was a very interesting and valuable one, and which was listened to with much pleasure by all those present.

The President entertained the society after adjournment and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by a large number of members.

Nov. 29. Dr. J. Christie in the chair.