

ing was thought to have occurred, and distinct movements were observed and could be plainly felt. At full term, no sign of labour. One month later on, being anxious, Dr. W. was called in and found a large abdominal tumour, the seat of violent, irregular jerkings, which were sometimes accompanied by pain. The girth was 46 inches. On examination, the uterus was found normal in situation and dimensions. A foetal pregnancy was suspected. Nothing further transpiring, and the movements continuing, a further examination with Dr. Sweetland resulted in a diagnosis of fibroid tumour. Finally it was decided, on the suggestion of Dr. Osler, to give chloroform. This having been done, the tumour entirely disappeared. She is now quite well, having been treated by tonics and antispasmodics. The condition was plainly irregular, painful, muscular spasm. Anæmic states probably dispose to this trouble. Dr. Weir Mitchell gives a remarkable case of phantom tumour of the left pectoral muscle. Dr. Wright suggests that in certain nervous states the compression of nerves between layers of flat muscles may keep up the irritable state necessary for the production of phantom tumour.

Dr. Sloane had met with a case of this kind. The diagnosis had been easy, because the entire tumour had been tympanitic.

Dr. Geo. Ross had reported a case referred to by Dr. Wright. So far had it gone in this case that arrangements had been made to operate upon what was supposed to be an extra-uterine foetation. Under ether the diagnosis was made at once. The patient could not be disabused of the idea that she was pregnant.

Dr. Ellis read a paper on "*The Chemical Composition of Milk from Distillery Cows.*" The result of the analysis showed that this class of milk contains more fat than others, the remaining solids being about normal. He was not prepared to say whether this kind of food produced any morbid condition of the cow.

A communication was read from Dr. Slayter of Halifax, showing the advantages of that city as a health resort.

The section then adjourned.

SURGICAL SECTION.

The section met at 2 P.M. Dr. Grant in the chair.