

of the abdominal incision. The abscess had burst within the peritoneal cavity, and the pus spread over the adjacent coils of intestines. The abscess cavity and appendix were examined; no perforation was found. We washed out the abdominal cavity, and abscess cavity, with hot carbolized water, in large quantities, till the water returned as clear as it was before entering the peritoneal cavity. Introduced a single drainage tube, and stitched up the wound.

9 p.m. Pulse, 140; temperature, 101°; resting fairly well.

Oct. 3rd 8.30 a.m. Temperature, 99°; pulse, 108-112 a minute. No hiccough or vomiting. Has passed flatus, and the bowels have felt like moving. Washed out the wound and tube with hot carbolized water, 1 in 40.

9.30 p.m. Bowels moved freely during the day. Pulse, 100; temperature, 99.5°; tongue moist; general appearance favorable.

4th. 8.30 a.m. Looks well; bowels moved four or five times in the night. Pulse, 92; temperature, 99.6°. Has been taking ice water and ice milk, also a saturated solution of salines. Temperature, 98.5°; pulse, 85 a minute. Feels hungry. From this date he progressed, without an unfavorable symptom, to complete recovery. He suffered severe tympanitic pains for about two weeks and a half. These were relieved by castor oil. No pus escaped from the abdominal cavity through the drainage tube.

Remarks.—1st. The prompt operation saved this patient's life, as the abscess would have ruptured within a very short time, or immediately, on any exertion.

2nd. Pus bursting within the abdominal cavity is not necessarily fatal, but our plain duty is to remove it as soon as possible, and make provision for the escape of any which may form afterwards. Treve's suggestion, "not to cut over the point of maximum dulness," could not have prevented the rupture of the abscess into the peritoneal cavity, because the abscess was not adherent to the anterior wall of the abdomen, and any effort to bring it forward to the abdominal incision would have ruptured it within the peritoneum.

Books and Pamphlets Received.

Tenth Annual Report of the State Board of Health of Illinois.

Atti della Società Toscana di Scienze Naturali residente in Pisa. Memorie, Vol. x.

Miscellaneous.

The following additions have been made to the Faculty of the New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital: Charles B. Kelsey, M.D., Professor of Rectal Diseases. Charles H. Knight, M.D., Professor of Rhinology and Laryngology. Reynold W. Wilcox, M.D., Professor of Clinical Medicine. Dr. S. Lustgarten, formerly Privat Docent in Vienna University, Instructor in Syphilis and Dermatology.

Professor DaCosta, in treatment of *delirium tremens*, depends largely upon alimentation. Tincture of capsicum is of value not only as a stimulant, but increases the appetite. As to stopping the whisky, this should be done in all cases where possible, depending largely upon the amount of food taken by the patient. To give rest and sleep, ten grains each of chloral and potassium bromide, given every two hours (if indicated), is far preferable to opium for this purpose.

ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.—The returns from recent elections show some changes in the *personnel* of the Council. Among the territorial representatives there will be at least two new men—Dr. A. Jukes Johnson, of Toronto, for Midland and York, in the place of Dr. Burns, and Dr. Rogers, of Ottawa, in the place of Dr. Cranston, of Arnprior. Dr. Russell, of Hamilton, the former member, was successful in his contest with Dr. Miller. There was an exciting contest in Malahide and Tecumseth between Dr. MacArthur, of London, the former member, and Dr. Sloan, of Blyth. Dr. MacArthur was declared elected, but we understand a protest will be entered, with a fair prospect of changing the result. In the collegiate representation Dr. Brettin will replace Dr. Buchan for Toronto University, and Dr. Thorburn will replace Dr. H. H. Wright for the Toronto School of Medicine. There will be two new homœopathic representatives in the place of Drs. Husband and Vernon, resigned—Drs. Luton, of St. Thomas, and Oliphant, of Toronto.