

The Smoking Concert.

The smoking concert in the evening in St. George's Hall was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The programme was good, the weather fine, and everyone present lauded the efforts of the committee which had the entertainment in charge.

The Committee on Nominations was elected as follows:—G. A. Bingham, Chairman; A. H. Wright, H. A. Bruce, N. A. Powell, J. A. Temple, J. H. Hamilton, H. C. Parsons, J. C. Mitchell and A. McPhedran.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH.

Two Unusual Nerve Cases.

The first paper of the morning session was by Dr. Thistle, who reported two unusual cases of nervous diseases. The first was a case of facial diplegia. The only cranial nerves affected were the facial nerves, the other nervous mechanism being normally intact. The facial expression, with the exception of the eyes, is blank. The electrical reaction and the other symptoms point to an infra-nuclear lesion. No history of diphtheria could be obtained. The condition of both nerves followed simultaneously after a drive on a very cold day, and the subsequent symptoms were those of Bell's Palsy.

The second case was one of crossed hemiplegia from tumor in the lateral half of the pons and cerebellum. The nervous symptoms showed a spastic condition of the legs, with exaggerated reflex. The muscular power, especially of the arms, was considerably below par. The face bore the expression of cerebral tumor. Optic neuritis was absent, and the pupils reacted to light.

The autopsy disclosed a tumor involving the lateral half of the pons and the adjacent part of the cerebellum. The facial nerve showed partial involvement at its nucleus.

A few remarks were made by Dr. McPhedran, who enquired as to temperature and reaction of the pupils in the tumor case. In answer, Dr. Thistle said the temperature was slightly elevated before death. The pupils reacted to light and varied in size, usually being markedly dilated.

Exercise in the Treatment of Chronic Disease.

A paper on exercise in the treatment of chronic disease was then read by Dr. A. McPhedran. See page 806.

Dr. Hunter spoke of bicycle riding in cases of hæmorrhoids, varicocele and constipation, and cited the good results following, in four of his cases, the use of the bicycle.