

she passed water strongly marked by the characteristic violet odor.

He also reported a case of premature dentition. A child was born having a single incisor tooth; subsequently 4 molar teeth appeared, the incisor had to be extracted as it interfered with feeding. This child also had six fingers upon each hand. It died when three weeks old.

Dr. Covernton read a paper upon various topics, dwelling especially upon the need of sanitary legislation, describing some of the beneficial results which had been attained in other countries and detailing some of the difficulties which surrounded it here.

Dr. Canniff in the course of his remarks upon the paper stated that the Dominion Government had no jurisdiction upon health matters except indirectly, as included under Vital Statistics. He believed it was the intention of the Government to do all it could as under that head.

After some amendments to the By-Laws had been carried the meeting adjourned.

HURON MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Huron Medical Association was held in Clinton on the 6th ult., Dr. McLean, of Goderich, President, in the chair. The following members were present: Drs. McLean, Sloan, Worthington, McDonald, Williams, Holmes, Graham, Taylor, Campbell, Hurlburt and Stewart. Dr. Dunsmore, of Mitchell, was present on invitation. Dr. Sloan, of Blyth, showed a lady, aged 35, who has been complaining for about two years of pain and a sense of fulness in the right hypochondriac region. She is under the impression that she has an abdominal tumor. There are no gastric or hepatic symptoms complained of, and, with the exception of a feeling of resistance over the left lobe of the liver, nothing abnormal can be made out by a physical examination. Drs. Stewart and Hurlburt exhibited the following cases: (1.) A young lady, in whom they opened a lumbar abscess antiseptically. There is disease of the 4th and 5th dorsal vertebræ in this case, and two years ago an abscess formed in the right lumbar region, which was opened without antiseptic precautions. It continued to discharge until the one on the opposite side was emptied and healed. When the patient first came under treatment she only weighed 98 lbs. In less than three months

she gained 37 lbs. She is at present wearing a "Wyeth's Jacket," and there is evidence of early and complete consolidation of the vertebræ taking place with but very little deformity. (2.) A case of exophthalmic goitre in a married female. The disease is of three years' standing. She is taking ergot, with beneficial results. Dr. Graham, of Brussels, read notes of a case of pseudo-hypertrophic muscular paralysis, which he has at present under his care. The patient is a boy, aged 6, with a good family and personal history. The first symptoms of difficulty in locomotion showed themselves about two months ago, and have so rapidly increased that at present he is unable to stand or walk without support. When walking he assumes the peculiar waddling gait characteristic of the disease. When standing the lordosis is marked. There is complete absence of the patellar tendon reflex. As yet there is no increase in size of any of the muscles. Dr. Campbell, of Seaforth, showed an idiotic boy affected with well marked rickets. He also read his report as delegate to the Canada Medical Association at Ottawa. The following resolution, which was moved by Dr. Campbell, and seconded by Dr. Sloan, was carried unanimously:—"That it is desirable that this Association lend its active support towards the formation of a Medical Association for the Province of Ontario."

Books and Pamphlets.

THE PRACTITIONER'S HANDBOOK OF TREATMENT OR THE PRINCIPLES OF THERAPEUTICS, by J. Milner Fothergill, M.D., etc. Second American from second English edition. Philadelphia: H. C. Lea's Sons & Co. Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson.

It would be impossible to speak in terms too highly commendatory of this most practical and instructive treatise. It cannot fail to prove as interesting to the old and experienced, as it must be instructive to the young and adventurous; for the former will find in it much that will harmonize with their own matured conclusions, and the latter much that will be admonitory profitable. It has been issued by the enterprising publishers in beautiful clear type and on excellent paper. Not one of its 640 pages will be found devoid of valuable matter.