

## MEETING, MARCH 31ST, 1900.

Dr. J. J. MacKenzie in the chair.

*Present:* Drs. Greig, Fotheringham, Goldie, Parsons, Peters, Primrose, Rudolf, King, Peplar, Anderson, Oldright, Hamilton Wishart, Thistle, Bruce, Silverthorne.

*Visitor:* Dr. Taylor.

Called to order 9.15.

Minutes taken as read.

**Cancer of Stomach.**—DR. ANDERSON.

The wall was greatly involved. At cardiac orifice was a pedunculated mass having a valve action preventing vomiting.

Dr. Rudolf: Is valve condition rare? Said that physical examination suggested stricture of œsophagus.

Dr. King: Was there hemorrhage following pressing of tube?

Dr. Anderson: There was much blood found in stomach. The stools showed no blood, *post-mortem*.

Dr. Goldie: Was there history of tarry stools? Asks why with so great original growth was there only one metastasis in the liver.

Dr. Peplar: No other organs affected?

Dr. Anderson: Glands at head of pancreas were enlarged. Pancreas not involved.

Dr. Hamilton: Regarding examination of stomach contents. hydrochloric acid may be absent from many other causes than cancer. Lactic acid more often found where there is pyloric obstruction.

Dr. MacKenzie, speaking of the oppler-boaz bacillus, said that perhaps too much stress is laid upon one organism. Many others may produce lactic acid as well.

**Lithopædion.**—DR. TAYLOR.

It is not a very complete history. On February 15th, last, called to see woman dying with great emaciation; pulse 130, respiration rapid, edema of legs and abdomen, and vomiting.

The previous history is as follows:

In 1892 sudden hemorrhage from uterus, pelvic pains, face blue and cyanotic. It was thought to be ptomaine poisoning, and thought child was dead. Abdominal section a day or so later; nothing was removed. A mass was felt in the pelvis; it was not removed. Patient left hospital seven weeks later.

In February, 1893, an abscess formed in the groin. Good health later, but pelvic pain and difficult urination. Two years later great flatulence and distension. An incision was made and intestinal contents escaped, also pus and a mass was found in left flank.