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Society Proceedings.

THE MONTREAL MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.

Stated Meeting, December 23rd, 1892.

JAMES STEWART, M.D., PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

A Second Series of Cases of Transplantation of Skin after Thiersch's Method.—DR. BELL read a paper on this subject, and exhibited several cases to illustrate his remarks.

DISCUSSION.

DR. D. J. EVANS spoke of several cases he had observed in Prof. Thiersch's Clinic at Leipsic, and the treatment was always successful.

DR. FOLEY suggested that this method of skin grafting might be used with advantage in treating leucoderma and tattoo marks, by removing the affected skin and supplying new skin.

DR. SMITH asked how deep the skin had to be cut and if hair grew on the new skin.

THE PRESIDENT.—If tactile sensation was present.

DR. BELL, in reply, said that the skin is removed down to the true skin, not into it, for the fibrous tissue will interfere with union. The

hair follicles are thus not taken, and often the only means of distinguishing the transplanted skin from the normal is by the absence of hair. The sensation is as good as in healthy skin.

Carcinoma of the Peritoneum.—DR. ADAMI exhibited specimens from a case of carcinoma affecting the peritoneum. The patient, a Polish Jew, aged 25, was attacked by sharp epigastric pains about August, 1892. These were unremitting and were increased by ingestion of food. The abdomen was noticed to be enlarging in the first week of October, and the patient entered the General Hospital upon October 22nd, under Dr. Stewart. Upon entry the whole lower half of the abdomen was very painful, so much so that the patient was frequently forced to cry out. After admission, the abdomen rapidly increased in size, and the patient showed increasing emaciation of the rest of the body. There was constipation but no vomiting. The patient was tapped upon October 25th, and 120 oz. of a milky, turbid fluid were removed. The fluid was rapidly replaced, so that between this time and the death of the patient, upon December 12, the operation was repeated five times, from 115 to 170 oz. of fluid of the same milky nature being removed at each tapping. Nodular growths could be felt, after tapping, running in various directions; a prominent band ran across the abdomen about one-half inch above the umbilicus, and in the left iliac fossa a great aggregation of nodules