

Dr. L. M. Murray then referred to two recent cases in the hospital, both with enlargement of the prostate. The anatomy of the prostate, the varieties of enlargement, the time of its occurrence and causation were discussed. The obstruction of the lower urinary tract due to enlargement, and the train of events leading to the pathological condition known as surgical kidney were then fully dealt with. The two specimens were then shown to the members.

Drs. Chisholm and Ross gave some further history of the ascites case. The symptoms followed an injury caused by falling from a ladder and producing fracture of two ribs.

Drs. Goodwin and Hare also took part in the discussion.

Feb, 18th, 1903. Meeting held at Halifax Hotel, the Vice-President, Dr. F. W. Goodwin, in the chair.

Dr. J. G. MacDougall, of Amherst, read a most interesting paper on "Cardiac Diseases with Special Reference to Diagnosis and Treatment." He referred to the importance of making a correct diagnosis and thought too much dependence should not be placed on auscultation. The other methods, inspection, palpation, etc., were equally important. In dealing with treatment he referred to endocarditis occurring in rheumatism and urged the importance of prolonged rest in bed. (The paper in full will be published in the NEWS.)

Dr. Chisholm spoke of the use of the lancet in cardiac diseases and thought pulmonary oedema always an indication for its use. He referred to three cases in his own practice in which great benefit followed from venesection.

Dr. Goodwin referred to massage of the precordial region as doing good in cases where exercise could not be taken. He also emphasized the importance of fresh air in these cases.

Dr. C. D. Murray spoke of the unreliability of murmurs in cardiac disease.

Dr. Walsh mentioned the advantage of combining *nux vomica* with *digitalis*.

Dr. Mader referred to the difference in strength of *digitalis* preparations.

Dr. Murphy asked how long it took for *digitalis* to act.

Dr. Chisholm stated that from experiments with the sphygmograph it acted quickly.

Dr. MacDougall then closed the discussion. With regard to the preparations of *digitalis* he preferred the infusion made from the