

This form of growth is very rare in organs not containing muscle fibre. One has been reported in the uterus, one in the testis and this was the second case reported of one in the kidney. This occurrence in the genito-urinary system was explained by the close connection of the Wolffian body in the foetus with the middle layer of the blastoderm, from which the muscular system is developed.

The paper of the evening was read by Mr. Gray, subject Pyæmia. He reported (1) a case which he met in Western Ontario, occurring in the practice of Dr. Stewart.

A. B., a boy æt. 5, who had always been healthy, and who had no history of any constitutional disease, was taken with severe pain in the left hip, which afterwards extended to the other joints. It was diagnosed and treated for a while as a case of acute rheumatism. In two weeks abscesses formed in different situations, chiefly in left hip, left shoulder and in lumbar region, and the patient presented all the symptoms of Pyæmia. As the child refused to take medicine the treatment consisted chiefly of hygienic and supporting measures which were thoroughly carried out, and in the course of a few weeks the symptoms improved and the child made a rapid recovery.

The cause of this case of Pyæmia, as it certainly appeared to be, was obscure. There was no suppurating sore, caries of bone, nor any of the ordinarily accepted causes present, and the reader reasoned that it originated from inhalation of septic particles in the atmosphere.

(2). A case in the Montreal General Hospital : S. S., æt. 19, male, had led a very irregular and dissipated life. and lived under bad sanitary conditions. Admitted March 15th, 1878, suffering from pyæmic symptoms. Died April 3rd. No autopsy could be obtained, and the only history of any local sore was that he had been paring a corn, and the symptoms first appeared in that situation. This the reader did not consider of much weight, and thought it more reasonable to suppose that in this case the disease was of miasmatic origin.

Lively discussion followed. Dr. Shepherd thought that the last mentioned case was plainly due to absorption of septic