

A vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Cassidy for his paper.

Votes of thanks were passed to the County Council for the use of the Court House; to the various Railway Companies for reduced fares; to Mayor Van Buskirk for the able manner in which he had presided over the meetings; and to the representatives of the press.

The Convention then finally adjourned.

The smallness of the attendance is attributed to the counter-attraction of the fair, but in other respects the Convention was a most successful one.

NORTH-WESTERN BRANCH, ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the above branch was held at Palmerston, on Thursday, August 17th. Dr. Stewart, of Brucefield, presided. About thirty members were present. After the usual preliminaries, Dr. Mackid, of Lucknow, showed a case of scrofulous disease of the ankle-joint, which elicited a good deal of discussion as to whether it was proper to attempt to save the limb, or amputate in order to preserve the patient's life.

Dr. Yeomans, of Mount Forest, presented a very interesting, but rather obscure, case of disease of the spinal cord. The patient is 58 years of age, previously healthy; a year ago last April had an attack of pleuritis, followed by loss of power in the upper extremities; subsequently symptoms of paralysis occurred in the lower extremities. He cannot walk without crutches, cannot stand or walk with his eyes closed. His powers of co-ordination are at fault; no feeling of constriction; feels as if walking on a very rough surface. Patellar tendon reflex present, no pain in spinal column. Any smooth article placed in his hand feels as if it had a rough uneven surface; No delayed sensation. Habits of life have always been good. Increased irritability by electricity.

Dr. Stewart, of Palmerston, showed a case of infantile paralysis, having two separate lesions, the right arm and left leg being paralyzed. Also, a case of neuramalous tumour of the ulnar nerve, accompanied by severe pains,

no doubt resulting from injury at the same time he received a compound fracture of the humerus.

Dr. Burgess read a very instructive paper on "The pulse variations and their significance," which was well received.

Dr. Stewart read an able report on a case of abdominal section, for fibro-cystic tumour of the uterus, on which he operated 28th of June last. The patient was a young woman, 18 years of age. Tumour was first noticed three years ago. Abdominal incision was 10 inches long, pedicle divided in two by carbolized silk dropped back into the abdominal cavity. There were no adhesions. A drainage tube was left in. Thorough antiseptic precautions (Listerism) were used throughout. Had been mistaken for an ovarian tumour. Complete recovery. Tumour weighed 12 lbs., which was shown to the members present.

Dr. Standish, of Palmerston, opened a discussion on the etiology and treatment of diphtheria, in which the following gentlemen took part:—Drs. Macdonald, Youmans, Jones, McNaughton, Cowan, Gunn, Clapp, Philp, Bethune, Collinge, and Halsted.

The following resolutions were passed:

That two meetings be held instead of three, as at present, each having three sessions.

That the next meeting be held in Palmerston, on the first Tuesday of Feb. next.

That Drs. Burgess and Graham prepare by-laws for the use of the branch.

The following gentlemen were appointed by the President to prepare papers for next meeting:—Drs. Gunn, Cowan, Macdonald, and Holmes.

Luke Teskey, M.B., M.R.C.S., Eng., Prof. of Anatomy in the College of Dentistry, has been appointed Assistant Demonstrator of Anatomy in Trinity Medical School. We regard the selection as a subject of much congratulation to the School.

We regret to have to record the death, from cancer of the tongue and pharynx, of Dr. John N. Reid, of Thornhill, aged 52, who was for many years Professor of Physiology in the old Medical Department of Victoria College.