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THE AMERICAN ELECTRO-THERAPEUTIC ASSOCIATION.

SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

THE seventh annual meeting of the American Electro-Therapeutic Association was held at Harrisburg, Pa., on September 21st, 22nd and 23rd, Dr. W. T. Bishop, of Harrisburg, being President. Among papers of interest and importance to the general practitioner, as well as the specialist in electro-therapy, the following were read: "Electric Treatment in Gout and Uric Acid Diathesis," by Dr. R. Newman, of New York, who presented the advantages of static electricity in these conditions; urinary analyses were submitted substantiating his claim. In "Chorea," by Dr. F. T. Bishop, of Washington, static electricity was again set forth as a very valuable aid in treatment. "Sources of Atmospheric Electricity," by Dr. R. J. Nunn, of Savannah, Ga., had for its object the suggestion to practical students of physics to test with mechanical devices the correctness of the theory that the solar system acted as a vast static induction machine, producing by its motions a difference of stress or potential. "Some Thoughts and Considerations on X-ray Work," by Dr. E. R. Corson, of Savannah, Ga., gave many valuable ideas. The writer thought that the X-ray was destined to be even more valuable in dislocations than in fractures; he suggested that a careful outline tracing of the negative by transmitted light, all extraneous light being shut off, would enable the eye to pick out the essential features more readily than from the usual radiograph. Experiments in diagnosis were given, and radiographs presented showing that the X-ray penetrated urate of soda much more readily than bone. In "Some Considerations Relative to the Therapeutic Application of the Current," by Dr. G. E. Bill, of Harrisburg, many suggestions, especially as to polarity, were thrown out. "The Early Electrolysis of Nævus," by Dr. C. R. Dickson, of Toronto, set forth the advantages of operating in early infancy, when the operation was much more simple, and the chances of scars much less than when the patient was of mature years. Dr. E. H. Coover, of Harrisburg, gave many suggestions as to the most appropriate methods of treatment in "Heart Failure in Cardiac Diseases due to Defective Circulation." "Expenditure of Electrical Energy," by Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves, of New York, was accompanied by a large number of clinical records illustrating the value of accurate dosage of electricity, as knowledge of the rate of current flow was necessary, as well as the time of flow, in order to apply electrical methods intelligently. Professor Dolbear, of Tuft's College, Boston, gave a masterly paper on the laws governing molecular motion,