

the cervix was torn. He preferred to have an assistant and use an anæsthetic.

Dr. A. H. WRIGHT advised a minimum amount of tampering with the cervix after labor. Most cases of septic trouble came from a dirty finger. For perineal tears he had found nothing better than the ordinary darning needle.

Dr. TEMPLE preferred to have the patient on the back when stitching up, and liked a long, curved needle, so as to take in the bite the retracted muscles.

**Narcotic Addiction.**—By Dr. LETT, of Guelph. (See page 1.)

**Puerperal Insanity.**—By Dr. BEEMER, of Mimico. He gave a description of the principal features of this disease, referring to its causation and diagnosis. He deprecated the use of sedatives. The great aim should be to sustain the patient by the most nutritious foods.

**The Stomach Tube.**—Dr. HODGE, of London, presented a paper on this subject. He gave a history of its use, and described the method of introducing it, and laid special emphasis on the value of lavage in gastric troubles.

**Morphœa.**—Dr. MCPHERDAN presented a patient suffering from this disease.

**Pseudo-Muscular Paralysis.**—Dr. J. T. FOTHERINGHAM, Toronto, read a paper, presenting a patient suffering from this disease. This paper will appear in the REVIEW.

**Pneumonia.**—By Dr. R. V. BRAY, of Chatham. After a summary of the classical symptoms of the disease, he related the history of a case occurring in a painter, the Doctor seeing him when he first began to feel out of sorts. At this time there was no fever, and the pulse normal. The chief complaint was a feeling of soreness over the lower part of the abdomen, which increased in severity. In the same evening the Doctor found the temperature to be 104, pulse 112, respirations 126. There was pain in the right side, but no physical signs of pneumonia. The ordinary treatment was followed, but the patient became much worse, both lungs becoming affected. On the fifth day temperature fell to subnormal and delirium set in, lasting five days and five nights. Recovery followed.

The Surgical Section met in the Council Chamber.

Dr. WELFORD, of Woodstock, Second Vice-President, occupied the chair, and Dr. MITCHELL, of Enniskillen, acted as secretary.

**An Operative Procedure for Spina Bifida.**—By Dr. HOWITT, of Guelph.

Dr. Howitt's procedure is as follows: When normal skin covers the tumor the outlines of the skin-faps are traced on surface of