

HURON MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Huron Medical Association was held in Clinton on Tuesday, October 6th; Dr. McLean, of Goderich, president, in the chair.

The following members were present:—Drs. McLean, Sloan, Worthington, McDonald, Williams, Holmes, Graham, Taylor, Dunsmore, Campbell, Hurlburt, and Stewart.

Dr. Sloan, of Blyth, showed a lady, aged thirty-five, who has been complaining about two years of pain and a sense of fullness in the right hypochondriac region. She is under the impression that she has an abdominal tumour. There are no gastric or hepatic symptoms complained of; and with the exception of a feeling of resistance over the left lobe of the liver, nothing abnormal can be made out by a physical examination.

Drs. Stewart and Hurlburt exhibited the following cases:

(1) A young lady, in whom they opened an abscess in the left lumbar region antiseptically. There is disease of the fourth and fifth dorsal vertebrae in this case, and two years ago an abscess formed in the right lumbar region, which was opened without antiseptic precautions. It continued to discharge until the one on the opposite side was emptied and healed. When the patient first came under treatment she only weighed 98 lbs. In less than three months she gained 37 lbs. She is at present wearing a "Wyeth's, Jacket," and there is evidence of early and complete consolidation taking place, with but very little deformity.

(2) A case of exophthalmic goitre in a married female, aged thirty-four. The disease is of three years' standing. She has been taking ergot for a period of two months, and it has certainly benefited her to a great extent.

Dr. Graham, of Brussels, read notes of a case of pseudo-hypertrophic muscular paralysis which he has at present under his care. The patient is a boy aged six, with a good family and personal history. The first symptoms of difficulty in locomotion showed themselves about two months ago, and have so rapidly increased that at present he is unable to stand or walk without support. When walking, he assumes the peculiar or waddling gait said to be

characteristic of this disease. When standing, the lordosis is marked. There is complete absence of the patellar tendon reflex. As yet there is little or no increase in size of any of the muscles.

Dr. Campbell, of Seaforth, showed an idiotic boy affected with well-marked rickets. Dr. Campbell also read his report as delegate to the Canada Medical Association at Ottawa.

ELGIN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the members of the Medical Profession in the County of Elgin was held at St. Thomas on Friday, October 29th, when the following were elected officers:

President, Dr. F. B. Going, St. Thomas; Vice-President, Dr. Williams, Aylmer; Secretary, Dr. R. W. Bruce Smith, St. Thomas; Treasurer, Dr. Vanbuskirk, St. Thomas.

The members present expressed themselves favourable to the establishment of the Association on a successful basis; and the interest manifested gives evidence of this being accomplished. An adjournment was made to November 24th, for which meeting an interesting programme was arranged.

PERFORATION OF MEMBRANA TYMPANI BY ASCARIDES LUMBRICOIDES. — In the London *Lancet* for 23rd October, Mr. Lewis W. Reynolds, M.R.C.S. Eng., records a singular case of this kind occurring in a married woman 35 years of age. She had been suffering for some time from attacks of nausea and vomiting, in which round worms had been voided through the mouth and nose, accompanied by epistaxis. Santonine and compound scammony powder were prescribed, with the effect of bringing away a number *per rectum*; and after a night of intense earache a worm was discovered protruding from each ear, and both ears bleeding. The same day three others came away from the ears—two from the right and one from the left. On the following morning another worm was extruded from the meatus, and one again on the third morning, the last being four inches long and of the diameter of a goose-quill. During the same time 74 worms were discharged by the bowels.