the intention of putting it on again. But one man had had it on for 18 days, and had no irritation at all to speak of. None of the other cases were giving any trouble in that way. He felt certain they were for the present, and while the wire remained, absolutely debarred from the habit of masturbation. The sensation amongst the patients themselves was extraordinary. He was struck with the conscience-stricken way in which they submitted to the operation upon their penises. He meant to try it upon a large scale, and go on wiring all masturbators. The moral effect of it in the house was excellent, and one man was seen weeping over his in anticipation of its disablement. The wiring was so simple that it could do no mischief. He believed it was effectual. It was a silver wire.

Dr. SKAE—Is it a case of life-long wiring?

Dr. YELLOWLEES—No. I think if we could get them to stop masturbating for a few months, they would be cured. You can keep the wire fixed as long as you like. We have found bullets remaining in the bodies of persons for a long time. One of the patients removed the wire; but unless you get a rough stone to rub it, it remains. Only in one of the twelve has the wire been taken out.

Dr. ROBERTSON—If anything can be suggested to prevent patients from practising this vile habit, which is the cause of insanity in many cases and aggravates the disease, it would be of very considerable importance. We know various things have been tried previously, such as blistering the penis, croton oil, &c. but without effect: and various medicines are given with the view of moderating or repressing the desire. Dr. Yellowlees' experience is short; but so far as it has gone it promises to be successful. We shall be interested to hear the result of these cases. Should they continue to prove beneficial in repressing this habit, I have no doubt we will be all glad to try it.

STOMACH PUMP.

Dr. YELLOWLEES showed a stomach pump of his own invention. One of the advantages claimed for it was its perfect simplicity. It was an ordinary bottle in which the prepared food was placed. The propulsive power was obtained by blowing. No one could form an idea of the ease with which food passed into the stomach in this way. There was a perfectly clear passage without taps or valves, so that biscuit, mutton, or what one liked, could pass through the tap. There was also the advantage of the food passing into the stomach with a gentle flow, whilst there was less danger of vomiting. He had often used the same kind of thing in Wales. He could get minced meat through the pipe.

Dr. CAMPBELL—This subject was discussed at the last meeting in Glasgow. I think Dr. Skae used to let a patient starve for a number of days.

Dr. ROBERTSON—There is a case quoted in the "Journal of Mental Science," where feeding by the stomach pump was carried on for seven years. What was the result?

Dr. YELLOWLEES—The man went to Dr. Rutherford, and died (a laugh).

Dr. RUTHERFORD—Of phthisis contracted at Gartnavel.

After some further discussion, the proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to Dr. Gairdner for presiding, and to the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons for the use of the hall for the meeting.

MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.—QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT BETHLEM ROYAL HOSPITAL, MAY 10TH, 1876.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held on Wednesday evening, May 10, in the Board Room of Bethlem Royal Hospital.

Among the members and visitors present were—Dr. Rogers, Ernest Hart, Esq., Dr. Maudsley, Dr. Orange, Dr. Wilks, Dr. Harrington Tuke, Dr. Hack

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