

"VI. That the enucleation of the diseased mass is succeeded by a healthy granulating and cicatrizing surface. From the inspection of Dr. Fell's private cases of longer duration than those in the hospital, the undersigned have had opportunities of observing that healthy cicatrices are eventually formed.

"VII. That all the patients have suffered pain during the treatment; some have spoken lightly of their sensations, others have complained much. No one, however, has sustained that acuteness and severity of pain which characterises the action of caustics as ordinarily employed; and it has been observed that the pain which has been felt has usually been referred, not to the tumour itself, but to parts at some distance from it, as, in the case of the mamma, to the shoulder and arm.

"VIII. That, although the treatment is less expeditious than that usually resorted to, yet, taking account of the average time that elapses before a patient has completely recovered from a cutting operation, it is probable that the difference between the two modes of treatment, in point of expedition is by no means great.

"IX. That the undersigned have not as yet had time to ascertain the average duration of the benefit conferred by the treatment, nor have they any means of knowing whether, in the event of a return of the disease, there be any difference observable from what is known to take place after excision.

(Signed)

"ALEX. SHAW.

CAMPBELL DE MORGAN.

CHARLES H. MOORE.

MITCHELL HENRY."

In the foregoing nine paragraphs the Middlesex authorities merely state that the tumour can be enucleated, and that the application of the caustic induces pain. What else could they say if they were speaking of chloride of zinc paste simply? They have not ascertained whether there is a liability to a reappearance of the disease. This is a very serious omission, and makes their report a mere bagatelle, that will excite the smile of every practical surgeon.

LATE CASE OF STABBING.—"An inquest was held at the Military Hospital on the body of lance-Corporal Richard Reynolds, aged 20, of Her Majesty's 39th Regt. of foot, who was stabbed in the abdomen, on Thursday, the 14th of May, by Private William Jones, of the same Regiment.

It appears that on the day in question, the deceased, accompanied by an escort, went to the bush at Logan's Farm to arrest the prisoner; after some trouble they succeeded in doing so, and brought him to the barracks, in a cab, handcuffed. While getting out of the cab at the guard-room gate, the prisoner seized hold of a musket, with a bayonet attached, and threw it at the Corporal, which caused a wound in the abdomen, of