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Report of Sixteen Cases of Stone in the Bladder Removed by Operation.

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I am induced to lay before this meeting the results of sixteen cases of stone which have come under my observation during the past few years. Stone in the bladder is, in Canada, a comparatively rare disease, at least if we may judge by the number of cases which are presented. In Montreal we have two large hospitals which afford relief to the sick poor of the city and surrounding country parishes, embracing a population of 250,000, and stone in the bladder is so infrequent that few opportunities are afforded the surgeon of performing an operation for its relief. That stone in the bladder has been observed more frequently of late years than formerly is quite apparent. During my pupilage I had an opportunity of seeing the operation performed twice only in one hospital; but, since 1867 I have myself performed the lateral operation, for the relief of stone in the bladder, on fourteen occasions, viz.:

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Of these cases there was but one in an adult. The others all occurred in children ranging from two-and-a-half years up to thirteen years of age.

The first case of stone which presented itself was in the autumn of