

that the only curative means is amputation. Rest and cold lotions are the most effectual palliative that he has ever used, before resorting to the operation.

CHAPTER IV *treats of ulceration of the articular cartilages.* Our author differs in opinion with those who think that the articular cartilages are not endowed with vascularity, and that consequently their destruction is effected by the action of the vessels of the other parts with which these are connected, or come in contact. He has observed a case in which he found vessels containing red blood extending from a diseased bone into the cartilage covering it. The author thinks that this disease when in the superficial joints, "constitutes one class of those numerous cases which were formerly termed white swelling; and that when occurring in the hip, it forms a large proportion of those which have been confounded with each other under the names of "Morbus Coxarius," "Diseases of the Hip-Joint." The "Scrofulous Hip," &c. &c."

We agree with Mr. BRODIE, that the term of white-swelling has frequently been mis-applied, and were it not a matter of such moment in practice, we would not dwell upon a subject which, at first sight, would appear to be nothing more than a mis-understanding about words. Dazzled by the merited renown of such a respectable master, many would not think perhaps of investigating this subject; but however unwilling we may be to offer our own ideas, we cannot be silent under the impression that they may contribute to elucidate the question now before us. If we consult the works of Petit, Russel, Baron Boyer and others, it will be seen that the disease, called white-swelling, is generally understood to be an affection of the lymphatic vessels, occasioning an effusion of lymph in the cellular substance, which by uniting together in one mass, give to the joint that peculiar white and shining appearance which is the characteristic of the complaint; and even if we adopt the classification of Mr. BRODIE, it will be found that none of the diseases of which he speaks in all his work, bear any analogy to white-swelling. Again, if we take into consideration the means of cure prescribed for those affections which he reckons of the same nature, the Surgeon