

PYLORIC STENOSIS WITH HYPERTROPHY.*

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The patient whose condition affords the subject of these notes was under the care of Dr. J. C. Cameron, and to Dr. Cameron I am indebted for the privilege of observing the case and of making this report. Cases of this kind are of such rarity that the presentation of one more becomes almost a duty, not so much on account of this quality perhaps, but rather because of the fact that there seems to be at least an opportunity for relief, temporary it may be, to the symptoms associated with such condition. The text-books contain but little on this subject, yet one finds through the literature several articles and scattered case reports dealing with similar conditions, although often variously described.

In the spring of 1900, H. T. S. æt 59 years, found himself in failing health. Although never a rugged-looking man, he had led an active life and was regarded by his friends as having a "wiry" constitution. Early in April he went to New York with the hope that a change of scene and air might be helpful. While there he became rather worse and it was thought that he took influenza. From the history, if this can be relied upon, this attack partook rather of the rheumatic or articular type, as he was troubled with pains through his limbs and joints, yet without marked joint affections. There was great difficulty in solving the question of his nourishment. Foods of various kinds in a variety of forms were provided, and yet it seemed impossible to get anything that was satisfactory. The patient became intensely nervous, introspective, unable to sleep, and extremely sensitive upon all points pertaining to his condition.

When first seen in June, 1900, he was greatly emaciated, weighing about 98 pounds. He complained chiefly of the distress in his stomach, of weakness, of insomnia, and of being constantly disturbed by the street noises, although his house was situated in a comparatively quiet part of the city.

The temperature was 98° F., the pulse 54, and respirations 16. The tongue was coated, the bowels constipated, the skin dry and rough. He had never vomited during his illness. There were no symptoms of organic disease of the nervous system. He expectorated but little and

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