

was ably commented upon in Fowler's case. He recalls O'Beirne's observations that between the acts of defæcation the rectum is practically empty, the accumulation of fæces taking place in the sigmoid flexure.

For this extraperitoneal operation the following advantages are claimed :

1. There is absolutely no danger of peritonitis.
2. A prominent natural papilla is secured. This is the natural manner of debouchement of a duct upon a mucous surface, and affords the best possible protection against spread of infection up the ureters.
3. The ureters are further protected against infection or sloughing by lying undisturbed in their natural environment almost to the point of implantation.
4. The operation is easy of performance, and practically free from shock and exhaustion.