## (A) CASE OF

## ABSENCE OF THE LOWER END OF THE RECTUM,

WITH PASSAGE OF FÆCES THROUGH THE PENIS: SUCCESSFUL OPERATION FOR RELIEF.

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In the March number of the Edinburgh Journal I notice the report by Dr Wm. Craig of a case of imperforate anus, in which the rectum communicated with the urinary tract. As Dr Craig states in his paper that he is not aware of any similar case to his own having occurred, and Mr Holmes, when speaking of cases where the rectum communicates with the urinary tract, mentions that he knows of no case where the bowel has been reached successfully through a perineal incision, I thought that it might be of interest to place on record a case similar to Dr Craig's, where operative procedures had resulted favourably. On the 16th of November 1883, Dr Molson delivered a woman of a healthy male child after a tedious labour. Next day the mother told him she noticed something strange coming from the child's penis. On examining the