

but a month after the patient had returned home, secondary glaucoma came on and the patient disregarding strict injunctions to present himself at once if any trouble occurred, finally came with a large staphylomatous formation at the seat of prolapse, and vision reduced to perception of light. An iridectomy greatly reduced the staphyloma and restored vision so far that he was able to count figures at three feet distance. The other imperfect result was in a feeble woman about forty-five years of age. A small perforating ulcer occurred in the centre of the right cornea three weeks after inoculation. The ulcer healed and vision began to improve after an iridectomy downwards. The final result will probably be satisfactory, since a considerable improvement in vision has taken place already and the inoculation was only done eleven weeks ago.

To sum up the result of the nineteen eyes inoculated, thirteen recovered perfectly without any complication. In six perforating ulcer of the cornea occurred. The ulcer being nearly central, they all required or will require an iridectomy for artificial pupil. In only one instance, the youngest of the list, can the eye be said to have been lost for visual purposes, but even here the cure of the disease and the relief given by removal of the constant irritation is a real boon to the patient, as he will be able to use the healthy eye without discomfort.

A somewhat significant fact was the occurrence of ulceration of the cornea in the three youngest patients. In one of them the eye seemed in every respect most favourable for inoculation. If any conclusion can be based upon this limited observation, it is that inoculation in early life, or before puberty, is peculiarly hazardous. In adults this method of treatment is, *in suitable cases*, perfectly satisfactory and cannot be too highly recommended. I could not make up my mind to follow the advice of authorities on this subject and always leave the eye entirely without treatment, excepting occasional washing with simple water after the inoculation.

Whenever the case was uncomplicated, I adopted this plan with hesitation, but so soon as I found ulceration of the cornea I always treated the purulent ophthalmia with a view to

lessening its intensity and to arresting the ulcerative process in the cornea, and I feel satisfied that by so doing the eye was more than once rescued from impending destruction

A CASE OF COMPLETE RUPTURE OF THE PERINEUM WHICH UNITED SPONTANEOUSLY.

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I have thought the case cited below well worthy of record, because, first, it seems to me to go far to decide the advisability of immediate operation in such circumstances, and second, the method of treatment adopted, although not distinctly recommended by Thomas, resulted so satisfactorily that it may be considered well worthy of trial in similar cases.

In regard to the first point it is well known to all students of this department that there is a wide diversity of opinion as to the time for operation, some urging immediate action, some advising delay for a few days, while others advise delay until the effects of parturition are over.

To the first class belong Baker-Brown, Scanzoni, and Thomas; to the second, belong Velpeau; and to the third, Nélaton, and Verneuil.

I think, after due consideration of this case, the profession will strongly favour the first method of treatment, because if one out of twenty would succeed it would save a good deal of needless pain and suffering to such unfortunate victims.

Before entering into the details of the case I desire to call your attention to Dr. Thomas' remarks. He says that "when the rupture has been complete it has been asserted that spontaneous cure has taken place," but such reports need confirmation. He also mentions a case in which recovery was said to have taken place, but which, when examined thirty years after, showed the rupture still ununited.

The case is as follows:—Mrs. B—, aged 35, primipara, with a small pelvis.

On the 18th May, I was summoned to attend her as she was about to be confined. On my arrival I found her having pretty severe pains