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APPENDICITIS—LAPAROTOMY—RECOVERY.

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WITH REMARKS ON CASE BY DR. R. L. MACDONNELL.

The following notes of the case have been furnished me by Dr. R. L. MacDonnell, under whose care the patient was up to the time of operation:—

“ Julia B., æt. 20, was admitted into the medical wards of the Montreal General Hospital on September 13th, 1889, complaining of severe pain in the abdomen. For the last twelve months she has frequently suffered from occasional pain and tenderness in the right iliac region, but the first really severe attack which resembled the present one occurred five months ago, and was very severe. She remained in bed for three weeks, and thought that recovery was complete, but after being up three weeks a second attack occurred, which was more severe than the first. She was taken to the Notre Dame Hospital, where she remained some three or four weeks, leaving the institution some time in June. Since then she has never been free from some degree of pain in the right iliac fossa. The present attack began nine days ago. She awoke in the night with a very severe pain in the right side of the abdomen, which was almost immediately followed by vomiting. The pain next day was more intense. Five days before entering hospital she had a severe rigor. She was under treatment evidently by opium until day of admission.