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*The Elastic Band in Tenotomy. Successful Case of Operation for Talipes Varus.* By A. A. HENDERSON, M.D., C. M., Ottawa, Ontario.

A short time ago, I was sent for to see Willie T.— a healthy, well developed child, aged twenty months, perfectly formed in every respect with the exception of deformity of the right foot. I was informed that an operation had been performed upon the foot eleven months previously, and that the usual kind of boot for such cases had been worn by him, but without any beneficial result.

*Condition Previous to Operation.*—Upon examining the foot I found the heel well depressed, the tendo Achillis having been divided at the previous operation. The inner margin of the foot, however, was drawn upwards and the anterior portion twisted inwards to such an extent that at any attempt to walk, the dorsum of the foot pressed upon the ground. I then examined the tendons with a view to operation and found that the tendon of the tibialis anticus was the cause of the deformity, and that in this case it could be divided most easily just above the ankle joint.

On Dec. 3rd 1875, assisted by Dr. Sweetland, I operated without chloroform. The foot was firmly held in position by Dr. Sweetland while I divided the tendon of the anterior tibial muscle above the ankle joint in the usual manner.

The puncture was covered with adhesive plaster, and the foot secured in position by means of a broad strip of plaster placed around it just behind the toes, having a smaller strip inserted so as to form a loop at the outer mar-