

ment which he said would do him good. He states that he used it, with some benefit; but as they still continued to trouble him, he thought it best to consult a physician. Upon doing so, he received a lotion of acetate of lead, which he used with much benefit. It failed, however, to cure them. They were protruded about once every two or three months, and he states that his efforts in defæcation were attended with a great deal of pain. Before his admission into the hospital they were protruded every day, causing him intense pain. About 12 or 13 years ago, their protrusion was attended by slight hæmorrhage, from which he obtained so much relief, as to lead him to believe that the attack of piles had subsided. The relief, however, was of short duration, for the vessels filling again, produced a return of all the symptoms. Latterly, they even protruded through the anus every day, from their obstruction to the passage of the feces, and the protrusion was at times attended with slight prolapsus of the anus. But generally after defæcation, both the hæmorrhoids and the prolapsed bowel, returned spontaneously into the anus. The hæmorrhage too was considerable, the blood being forced in streams from the piles, but giving him a great deal of relief. He states that he has had a great many quack remedies, and sometime with temporary benefit. He also informs me that for some time past, he has been unable to keep his linen clean, from the constant discharge of a pale slimy matter from the bowels, and the frequent hæmorrhage from the piles. He has been troubled for a number of years with asthma, for which he has used large quantities of opium.

He had an attack of fever and ague about 25 years ago; but has had no other sickness. His mother died about 10 years ago, and for 20 years before her death was troubled with asthma. His father died about 25 years ago, from injuries inflicted by a bull. The rest of the family—2 brothers and 4 sisters are all living.

Two large hæmorrhoidal tumours, on examination, are found protruding from the anus, and including the greater portion of the circumference of the gut. They are not at all pedunculated; but connected with the rectum by broad bases. Their surfaces exhibit the usual livid blue appearance, having a number of bright red vessels ramifying over them. Dr. MacCallum ordered him to receive a dose of castor oil to-night, and a copious enema of warm water to-morrow forenoon, one half hour before the time appointed for the operation.

16th.—The castor oil and enema have cleared the bowels well. The patient was now placed on his left side with his buttocks protruding well over the side of the bed, and desired to force the piles out as much as possible. The smaller of the two tumours was then seized with a volsellum, drawn