

that there is considerable inflammation of the stomach mucous membrane.

Treatment.—As the patient was so depressed and the stomach so irritable, lavage was not attempted. No medicine administered by the mouth could be retained. Rectal feeding was, therefore, resorted to and persisted in for three weeks. This gave the stomach absolute rest. Feeding by the mouth was then gradually and cautiously attempted, and the character of the food varied as he was able to bear it.

Taken all in all this case reminds me of one reported in the *MEDICAL QUARTERLY* January, 1897, in which during life there was absolutely nothing except the patient's appearance to suggest cancer, and yet the post mortem examination demonstrated a small cancerous growth at the cardiac end of the stomach, the whole of the gastric mucosa being in a catarrhal condition, and the stomach enlarged to double its ordinary size. Such cases make one hesitate as to a positive diagnosis and exemplify the difficulty there often is in excluding cancer, even when we are confident that gastritis is present. They may, and frequently do, co-exist.

Case III.—Mrs. A., æt 61, for years has been troubled with "indigestion" and constipation. Very stout. Ruddy complexion. Picture of health when attacked in October, 1896, with a more than usually severe fit of indigestion. Complained of headache; pain in epigastrium, flatulence. On physical examination stomach was found to be enlarged and tender on palpation. The liver not enlarged, but tender on percussion. Vomiting was severe, the vomited matter being sour and bilious. Tongue thick, flabby, indented and furred with a dirty white fur. Temperature rose, the highest point attained being $103\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ F. In a few days patient became profoundly jaundiced from head to foot.

Examination of stomach contents, made two hours after breakfast of porridge, bread and tea, showed the following:—Reaction acid; odour sour; contained mucus and particles of undigested bread; no free hydrochloric acid; lactic and acetic acids present; starch reaction readily obtained. Microscopically were discovered bread fragments, practically untouched by digestive fluid; many free starch granules, debris, oil globules,