

to the present time ; it is now, however attended with pain, which she describes as being of a " squeezing " kind, and accompanied by " forcing."

Os uteri is patulous, and plugged with glairy mucus ; its lips are congested, and on the slightest irritation florid blood flows freely from them.

Examined with Dr. Cruise's endoscope ; the lining membrane of the uterus presented streaks of vascular engorgement, like the conjunctiva in a state of chronic inflammation : in several situations, also, the mucous membrane was seen to be rough and granular. It was touched, through the endoscope, with a twenty-grain solution of nitrate of silver, and the *blanched* surface so treated was subsequently distinctly visible through that instrument.

Treatment consisted, in addition to the above, in repeated leeching of anus, warm hip baths, injections of sulphate of alum and oak bark, mild aperients, and vaginal suppositories, composed of acetat. plumbi, gr. x, extract opii aquæ, gr. i, unguent hydrarg. ℞ j. M.

July 5.—Greatly improved ; no bleeding for several days, and pain in breasts, which, when hæmorrhage was troublesome, had been urgent, no longer exists.

Diagnosis—Dysmenorrhœa from uterine congestion.

July 19.—Examined to-day ; os uteri much less patulous ; it is now pale, and a transparent glairy mucus oozes from it ; no hæmorrhage or pain for last three weeks ; breasts still tender to pressure, but pain removed, partly by means of aconite and chloroform liniment, and gr. i of valerianate of zinc, ter in die ; but mainly, no doubt, by the treatment directed to the uterus. Discharged this day.

With the assistance of my colleague, Dr. Cruise, the interior of the uterus was examined by means of his endoscope, by Dr. Churchill and William Stokes, jun., at a time when vascular congestion existed in a high degree.

There can be no doubt that the practical value of the endoscope was illustrated in this case, as without the use of it—although one might infer from the symptoms the condition of the interior of the womb—it would have been impossible to have the advantage of *ocular* demonstration of this, and to have directed local treatment with the eye.

September 13, '65.—I received a letter from Crolly's mother to-day, from Bolton, England, thanking me "for saving her daughter's life," etc., "after she had been treated to no effect in England."

I mention this letter, which was not in any way solicited, for the purpose of showing that up to that time the girl had continued well.—*Ibid.*

*Clinical Records of Mater Misericordæ Hospital.*