

quently after its application, a dysuria comes on, which lasts some hours, sometimes days, and subsides spontaneously. There is sometimes also swelling, partial or general, of the areolar tissue about the annus. The patients complain of it a little, and generally think that it is the hæmorrhoids which come down.

To combat these symptoms, the patient should be confined to bed for a few days, and kept strictly on low diet, and opiates should be administered in order to produce constipation of the bowels. Should dysuria occur, warm hot stupes to the anal region, with an opiate enema or suppository, will be found to give great relief, or the hip bath; and should there be retention of urine, which is sometimes likely to occur in consequence of sympathetic irritation, the catheter should be used. In a few days, small portions of sloughs will be seen, indicating that the mortified tumours are thrown off. Then should any raw surface remain, a mild astringent lotion will rapidly effect a cure.

The following cases, selected out of many which I have treated, will show how efficacious are its effects in these troublesome affections.

Mrs. B., aged 32, mother of two children, a very delicate person, had been subject to piles for two or three years: they have been greatly increased by pregnancy. She had tried in vain various astringent lotions and ointments, with constitutional treatment. Latterly the parts had become slightly inflamed, and produced such local uneasiness, that she was willing to undergo any operation that would be likely to effect a radical cure; for that purpose, she consulted me.

The tumours consisted of dense, elastic, knotty swellings, clustered together, of a purplish hue, hypertrophied and thickened by long constriction, and situated within the internal sphincter. Every stool caused her, she said, intense pain. It seemed a remarkably favourable case for nitric-acid: I accordingly recommended its application to her, and, promising a certain cure, she readily consented.

The following day, having previously perfectly cleared out her bowels, I freely applied the acid, according to the method described above. She suffered considerably after it for several hours. The pain, however, gradually subsided under the use of the remedies enumerated above. In 5 or 6 days the eschars came away, bearing 3 or 4 of the tumours, but greatly reduced in size. She experienced great relief, and promised to undergo a similar operation; which I told her would be necessary in order effectually to remove them, whenever I considered it the proper time. In a month afterwards, I reapplied the acid; the application being followed by similar symptoms, but this time with a complete removal of all the remaining tumours. Six months have now elapsed since the last