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## ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS.

### ART. VI.—*Operation of Perineal Section for Stricture of the Urethra.*

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Professor Syme of Edinburgh has of late years directed the attention of the profession to a "New Mode of treating certain cases of Stricture of the Urethra by Perineal Section," which has led to much controversy and difference of opinion among Surgeons. Regarding the question as one of much practical importance, which the result of faithfully recorded cases of the disease, thus treated, can alone decide, induces me to publish the following case lately treated by me in the Montreal General Hospital. Its history has at my request been partly reported by the patient himself, who is for his station, a very intelligent man, and the remainder by my friend and former pupil, Dr. Craik, the present house Surgeon, who acted as my clinical clerk.

J. H., aged 53 a stout looking man, a saddler by trade, was admitted into the Montreal General Hospital on the 25 June 1858. He came for the purpose of undergoing an operation for stricture of the urethra of 18 years standing.

Although a healthy looking man there were many circumstances which rendered him by no means a favourable case for the operation. He had been for many years subject to most violent rigors accompanied by furious delirium, and aggravated when any attempt was made to pass a catheter.

In addition to this he had contracted the habit of using opium constantly in large quantities, which kept him in a dreamy artificial state of mind, and made him morbidly sensitive to external impressions. His nutritive functions, however, were unimpaired and instead of the emaci-