

ally the value of the communication. Dr. G. bids fair to prove a worthy successor to the deservedly honored Professor S. D. Gross, whom we heartily congratulate in having the enjoyment of so promising a descendant, upon whose shoulders may fall his distinguished professional mantle.

Dr. Gross concludes his remarks with the following propositions :

I. Digital compression, uncombined with apparatus, was first attended with success in the hands of Dr. Knight ; but to M. Vanetti is due the merit of having first introduced it into practice.

II. It has never been followed by bad consequences, and when not successful, it so modifies the tumor and the collateral circulation as to render a cure by the means almost certain.

III. It has been employed alone, either previous or subsequent to mechanical compression, in fourteen instances, eight being failures.

IV. In only seven cases have it been employed primarily and alone, and in all but two with perfect success.

V. When double and alternating, it has effected cures in every case, five in number, and therefore deserves special attention.

VI. In most of the cases the compression has been total ; but this is not necessary for a favorable result.

VII. It has effected cures, whether it was continued, interrupted, or intermittent ; in some cases the patient applying the pressure.

VIII. When properly employed and continued for a sufficient length of time, and the cases are suitable ones, it can scarcely fail to accomplish a cure. Inguinal aneurisms are not fit cases for this procedure.

IX. It is less apt to give rise to inflammation of the integument, and has been borne when mechanical pressure has produced an eschar.

X. It can be used when apparatus has failed or is intolerable. In a majority of these cases, cures have been accomplished.

XI. In certain situations it can be made to bear upon the artery alone. It is far less painful and requires a much shorter time for a cure than any other method of treatment."

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### CLINICAL LECTURE.

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*On the Operation of Puncturing the Bladder in aggravated cases of Retention of Urine.* By FRED. C. SKEY, Esq., F.R.C.S., &c., Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

GENTLEMEN,—I have selected for practical consideration to-day a subject of particular importance to you as surgeons, one indeed that you will hereafter be liable to be called upon almost at a moment's notice to decide, and to decide, as I may say, in a manner that may involve the