

showing that the urethra is surrounded through its entire length with an organic muscular coat.

Charing Cross Hospital is famous for the number of accidents it admits. I noticed that those of the lower classes (such is their habit of drinking,) who were brought in with broken legs, almost invariably had delirium tremens, two or three days afterwards. Bromide of Potassium and chloral hydrate formed the treatment then. One London physician, Dr. Wiltshire, strongly recommends half ounce doses of Tr. Digitalis, in traumatic cases.

Under Mr. Hird's care, I saw several bad cases of prolapsus uteri, where the operation for constricting the vaginal aperture was performed. He followed Baker Brown's method of removing a large portion of the mucous membrane, of the shape of a horse-shoe, from the lower portion of the vagina, and then bringing the opposite sides together by deep quilled sutures. These sutures were taken out the fourth day. The cases all did well.

Mr. Hancock had a peculiar treatment for old indolent ulcers that had no tendency to heal. It consisted in filling the ulcer with melted beeswax and bandaging, leaving it that way for four or five days and then renewing. By the kindness of Drs. Hingston and Coderre, I was allowed to try the method in two cases at the Hôtel-Dieu. It succeeded very well, although the cases were not very favourable ones. I may mention that I have seen Mr. Hancock operate three times for hernia, and in each case he opened the sac, and strongly advises it in all cases.

Charing Cross Hospital is situated in Agar Street, West Strand, and was established in 1818. The present building was erected in 1831, and last year an addition was built, giving thirty more beds. It has a school in connection with it, and the first year of its existence, there was only one student, and now there are sixty. Since the foundation of the hospital 350,000 patients have been relieved. Its annual expenses are not more than four thousand pounds.

When visiting the Middlesex Hospital, I went around with Dr. Murchison, and never have I seen teachers examine students as thoroughly at the bed-side. He was sure to pounce on any man who had not been following him regularly. Under his care, I saw a case of Locomotor Ataxia, where atrophy of the optic nerve ensued as early as six months after the commencement of the disease. The patient was taking preparations of silver.

I saw also several cases of diabetes treated by opium. I did not see any of the surgical practice of this institution.

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