

matism, and such strengthen the metabolic theory, that rheumatism depends on a morbid material produced within the system, the result of defective processes of assimilation. True, Prout, Latham, Richardson, Mitchell, and Dr. William H. Porter, of New York, have thrown much light on the subject of rheumatism, and certainly the present case points to rheumatic complication as the outcome of defective assimilation, an important factor in its production. Thus the chemical laboratory of the human system becomes disturbed, resulting in false products, enabling us to establish a connecting link between even perityphlitis and rheumatism. In the structure of the intestinal walls there is undoubtedly a large amount of fibrous tissue, just as in the fascia and tendons of the joints, and it is reasonable to suppose that these structures should be influenced in the same manner; and assuming that the case under consideration was even quasi-rheumatic in its character, it affords one more illustration as to the importance of giving due consideration to the line of action embraced in medical and surgical treatment under like circumstances.

In a recent paper by A. Haig, M. A., M. D., Metropolitan hospital, London, on gout of the intestines, he states, that his chemical and experimental experience has led him to believe that "a very large number of cases of colic, enteralgia, and enteritis, and cases which are clinically indistinguishable from typhlitis, are neither more nor less than a gout of the walls of the intestinal tube, or a rheumatism," as has just been defined. In Canada, as a whole, gout is almost an unknown quantity, except in occasional cases of an hereditary type. Our people, in the midst of life's pursuits, live in a moderate way, which contributes greatly to the promotion of health. On the other hand, rheumatism is of frequent occurrence. The coldness of our winter climate, the occasional absence of flannel, and excessive exposure contribute to develop rheumatism. After noting the life-history of many thousands of our "lumbermen," I have been amazed at the