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### THE SURGICAL TREATMENT OF INSANITY.

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IN THE CANADIAN PRACTITIONER of April I made a preliminary report upon a case of insanity of two years and ten months' duration which was relieved by removing diseased appendages. It is satisfactory to report at this period, more than nine months since the operation, a continued physical improvement, the patient having gained thirty-five pounds in weight, and what is still better she has been completely restored mentally and is again a useful member of society.

Since treating this case I have examined eleven insane women with the result of finding abnormal conditions of the pelvic organs in nine instances. In six of these cases surgical