

PREVIOUS DIARRHŒA absent in all.

CONCRETIONS were present in eight cases.

BACTERIOLOGY—In fifteen the bac. coli was found in pure culture ; in three bac. coli and staphylococcus albus mixed ; in one staphylococci alone ; in one sterile ; in two no report.

*Clinical Course—*

PAIN—Character at onset was, in 13 cases, crampy ; “ slight ” in seven and “ severe ” in ten.

SITE at onset was “ generalised ” in 11 ; umbilical in one ; right iliac in six ; and in the “ lower zone ” in two ; in two not mentioned.

In practically all cases pain became, before long, localized to the right side, and if slight at first soon became severe ; still later subsiding to a greater or less extent. Following this initial pain, there occurred, according to the histories, in a large proportion of the cases a very distinct exacerbation, such as is often said to indicate perforation.

Distinct exacerbation in 10 cases. (In one of these where there were two perforations, one of the ascending colon, the other of the appendix, there were also two distinct exacerbations).

Indefinite exacerbation in three cases.

Distinctly no exacerbation in four cases.

Not mentioned in two cases.

Pain extremely severe from the onset in three cases.

LOCAL TUMOUR was felt in all but three.

DISTENSION was present in 11 cases, in 9 of which it was local and slight or moderate ; in two moderate and general. In the rest absent.

VOMITING occurred in 16 cases . nausea alone in two ; both absent in the rest.

CONSTIPATION—During attack, found in six cases ; diarrhœa in one ; in the rest absent or not mentioned.

PAINFUL MICTURITION noticed in two cases ; in both the pelvis was filled with pus.

CHILL was found in only three cases ; in one very slight. It was most marked in a case of large and long-standing (three weeks) abscess.

DATE OF OPERATION—Two were operated within 24 hours ; 4 within 48 hours ; 2 within 72 hours ; 11 within 1st week ; 2 within 2nd week ; 1 within 3rd week.

*Complications—*

FÆCAL FISTULA in two cases ; in one, present at operation, healed spontaneously in eight days ; the other developed a week after operation ; healed spontaneously in three or four days.

HÆMATURIA developed in one case on fifteenth day after operation ; persisted for 15 days ; then disappeared completely. It was in the first specimen only in macroscopic amount ; for the rest of the time microscopic, and was unaccompanied by other symptoms. Remained unexplained.