

ful practitioner who had attended my lectures upon these diseases, who, even without examination, perceived that the symptoms differed from those of cancer, and advised her to place herself under my care. This she was unwilling to do, being so convinced of the malignant character of the disease and that surgery could afford her no relief. But as the hemorrhages became daily more frequent and more profuse, and as she was becoming exsanguine, and greatly enfeebled by these excessive losses, her family prevailed upon her to send for me, and accordingly, I examined her on the 19th of January, 1850, when I found her in the following condition :—

She was tall and thin, skin of a sallow colour, the lips were pale as was also the inside of the mouth and tongue, a change which had recently taken place, she had œdema of both feet and ankles, the pulse was small, and frequent, 90, she suffered from palpitations, tendency to fainting, headache, noise in the ears and dimness of sight; these symptoms having increased in proportion to the frequency and amount of the hemorrhages. Her appetite was bad, bowels irregular, and her spirits were greatly depressed, being under the impression that her constitution could not long hold out against such frequent losses of blood. She complained of excessive pain *about the orifice of the urethra and in the urethra itself* which was greatly increased by passing urine, which she was obliged to do, almost every half hour, or every hour, the pain was also much aggravated by the least motion, and when walking across her room, she was obliged to stoop forward, for the double purpose of avoiding pain, and not inducing bleeding. She stated that she had felt a small tumour near the orifice of the urethra which was excessively painful to the touch and which bled profusely whenever it was examined; that in addition, some hard growths, not painful to the touch, occupied the orifice of the vagina and extended some distance within: these had commenced growing about a year before the painful ones, and their presence gave rise, she thought, to the distressing sense of bearing down to which she had been subject.

On making an examination I found the following state of parts. The labia being separated, a tumour of the size, shape and exactly the colour of a large ripe red raspberry was found growing from the under lip of the urethra, and under surface of its vaginal aspect, it was largest at its base, was very painful to the touch, and the least contact of a probe gave rise to bleeding. On dilating the urethra, another tumour about the size of a very small pea was seen growing from its under surface, but nearer the bladder, than that outside, and separated from it by an interval of healthy structure. The same pain and bleeding followed the most gentle touch. The orifice of the vagina was blocked up with a