

vesical calculus, but repeated soundings showed nothing of the kind.

Ever after this the frequent desire to make water remained, but, with one exception some two or three years ago, when he caught a severe cold, the irritation never laid him up till about a year since, when he again had an attack of ague. At this time, also, his eyes were attacked, which resulted in the blindness before mentioned. From this period (a year ago) to the time of admission into hospital, he has seldom left his bed, except during the journey to Montreal.

He has always been a temperate man, in fact a teetotaller as to spirits. For years he was a vegetarian, and for some time never drank tea or coffee. He says he has never been married, or even had connection with a woman.

ON ADMISSION the patient complained of great difficulty in holding his water and slight strangury in voiding it. On examination two strictures were found—one about an inch from the point of the penis, and the other at or in the vicinity of the neck of the bladder. The first was very tight, but the latter caused the greatest pain from the catheter. He could not retain his urine for more than ten minutes, and in fact it was all the time dribbling away, so that he was compelled to have the urinal constantly in bed. The bowels were inclined to be very costive. On percussion the spleen was found enlarged from former ague, but the liver and lungs normal.

An injection into the bladder on one occasion of Nitric Acid min. x to the pint of water, and a suppository and two doses of Black Draught at intervals, were all the treatment he received up to Nov. 2nd.

Nov. 3rd.—An examination to-day per rectum was made by Dr. MacCallum, under whose care the patient has now passed, in the endeavour to find an enlarged prostate or thickening of the coats of the bladder, or anything that would indicate cancerous or other deposit. Nothing abnormal was felt. He cannot retain his urine more than a quarter of an hour at the best, and then it is voided with great difficulty, occasioning an intensely burning sensation.

Nov. 5th.—In introducing the catheter to make an injection, most intense agony was experienced by the patient, causing him almost to faint; pain chiefly at the neck of the bladder. Two and a-half ounces only of Nitric Acid and water, of same strength as before, could be thrown into the bladder, showing its capacity to be very small. The injection itself did not seem to cause much pain, but it was forced out almost immediately, and slightly tinged with blood. A small clot or two of blood remained in the catheter.