

cases, far more than that which follows the use of the sound. Secondly, that in presence of a tumour which the slightest mechanical contact causes to bleed the observation is mostly an imperfect one. Thirdly, that the instrument is rarely necessary to determine the fact of the tumour's presence, that being ascertainable in nine cases out of ten by the ordinary methods already alluded to. Lastly, it is assumed to furnish the means of ensuring a view of the growth which shall enable the operator to determine whether it is peduncular and easily removable, or the reverse. In regard to this important matter, I admit that the object may be attained, but in the majority of cases I am certain it cannot be thus decided, as when the tumour is not seen in profile, and when the bleeding occasioned permits only an imperfect view, a far more accurate idea can be obtained by "digital exploration," which never produces the severe cystitis, becoming chronic and confirmed, which unhappily too often follows prolonged manipulation with a rigid cystoscope in the diseased bladder of an elderly patient. I have performed "digital exploration" upwards of a hundred times and have never met with any serious, far less fatal, issue to that simple operation.

Finally, supposing that by any process whatever the presence of a manifestly carcinomatous or sarcomatous growth has been discovered, I can say nothing, as already indicated, in favour of operative measures for its removal. It is always possible to extirpate the growth, which largely involves the walls of the organ itself, and rapidly reappears after the attempt has been made, although large masses may have been taken away and an apparently almost empty cavity has been left as the result of the procedure.

The palliative treatment for all patients thus affected consists in the avoidance of habits, occupations, and any amount of exercise found by the experience of each individual case to produce serious increase of hemorrhage; the maintenance of the digestive power and healthy activity of the functions which support life is as far as possible to be ensured; and lastly, the adoption of all means, especially towards the closing stage of a case which is certainly destined to be fatal, in order to alleviate suffering which