

of the offenders in regard to their not being accessory to such acts of impropriety, it is a significant fact, that when threatened with expulsion from a Society, &c., unless some means are used to prevent further paragraphing, the notices do not appear. Perhaps from that time the ambitious individual ceases to make any more important discoveries or to perform any more skilful operations.

BRIGHT'S DISEASE OF THE KIDNEYS DETECTED BY THE OPHTHALMOSCOPE.

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Very soon after Dr. Bright, of London, in the year 1827, first called attention to that peculiar disease of the kidneys now called by his name, the pathology of which to-day can hardly be considered as definitely settled, earnest inquiry began to be made into the cause of the failure of the power of vision which in so many cases accompanied this disease. At one time it was supposed that the partial or total extinction of vision in these cases was due to uræmic intoxication, and hence it was called uræmic amblyopia or amaurosis. The practical application of the ophthalmoscope, however, has led to an entire elucidation of the subject; it has disclosed the fact that the real source of the troubled vision is to be found in an extravasation into the retina accompanied by inflammation. Abundant clinical experience with the ophthalmoscope goes to show that we are now able by these objective symptoms alone unmistakably to detect Bright's disease of the kidneys.

The following case, taken from a number of cases that have come under my observation, will serve as an illustration:

H. S., November 24th, 1869, a healthy looking country youth from the farm, about twenty-two years of age, came to consult me on account of a recent rapid failure in his sight. A trial with Jæger's test type showed that he was barely able to make out No. 18, letters nearly half an inch long, everything appearing to him as if seen through a thick mist. He can see best when the light is not too strong. He had none of the usual