

of castor oil at bed-time, and the bowels to be well washed out with an injection in the morning.

27th.—The patient was brought into the operating theater and tied in the usual lithotomy position. Chloroform was then administered, and a grooved staff passed down to the stricture. The incision was then made in the *raphe* commencing immediately behind the scrotum and extending backwards towards the anus for about two and a half inches in extent; the scalpel went through a considerable thickness of brawny tissue, and the urethra was found at considerable depth from the surface and opened in front of its constricted portion. A director was then passed through the stricture, and it was slit up from behind forwards. The staff then passed readily into the bladder. The staff was then removed, and a No. 9 silver catheter introduced and retained in position by tapes. The amount of blood lost was trifling. In the evening the patient expressed himself as feeling comfortable; the urine is flowing wholly through the instrument.

28th.—Slept well during the night, urine passing altogether through the catheter; says he feels well and easy, pulse 100. The wound looks well, but is tender.

30th.—All going on well since last report; urine flowing freely from the catheter, pulse 96. Sleeps well; bowels have not moved since the operation.

December 1st.—Catheter removed, and left out; all going on well, pulse 90. Complains of being hungry, so that a more generous diet was allowed, as it had been reduced after the operation. The bowels still being constipated, an aperient draught was ordered.

4th.—Pulse 90. Catheter passed and retained for three hours in the bladder. No urine has passed through the wound; it appears to have closed. Everything is going on well, and he says he feels very comfortable.

6th.—Is not at all well to-day; had chills and shivering during the night; complains of headache, is feverish, with a pulse of 120; is uneasy and anxious; the perineum and lower part of the abdomen feels stiff and uncomfortable. The urine comes away nearly altogether by the natural passages. There is slight dribbling in making water from the fistulous opening on the inner side of the scrotum. He was ordered a fever mixture, composed of chlorate of potash with hydrochloric acid.

7th.—Is no better, pulse 132. Complains of chills and flushings of heat. There is an erysipelatous blush over the lower part of the abdomen extending to the perineum. A lotion of acetate of lead was ordered to be applied, and muriate tincture of iron in ten