

*March 1st, '79.*—A number seven elastic catheter passed into the urethra, entered slowly through the pouting granulations and almost unexpectedly reached the bladder, the flow of urine through the instrument being quite free and natural. Taking advantage of the position, the catheter was retained *in situ* for about three days, during all of which time little or no urine escaped from the fistula. In order to promote firmness and strength of tissue, and give it direction in the formative process, the surface was brushed several times with a mild solution (nitrate of silver). At the end of third day catheter removed, and urine voided through natural channel, unattended by escape otherwise. The integument over the scrotum and perineum formed rapidly, and in three months from this date he entered upon his usual duties.

In a lecture by Wheelhouse of Leeds, Eng. (Dec. 9, 1888), on stricture, he observed: "Hitherto no true method of permanent and lasting cure has been reached. We may dilate; we may burn out; we may split; we may cut strictures, from within and from without; but up to the present time we cannot cure them—that is, both take away the obstruction and restore the parts to their *primitive condition of original health*. Whatever form of treatment we may employ, however good a result we may obtain, we never overcome the tendency inherent in every *stricture* and inveterate to recontraction." No statement could possibly be more thoughtful, verified as it is in the practice of every-day life.

In June, 1884, the cicatricial tissue which formed and closed the urethral opening had so contracted, owing to neglect in carrying out specified directions as to the free use of bougies while absent in Western Canada, that internal urethrotomy became necessary, which had the desired result. In this particular instance the opinion of Wheelhouse is verified to the letter. Granulations cultivated and supported in their efforts become a very beehive of industry towards the reparation of other tissues, and as factors in that direction we require to note carefully their modelling and constructing power even under the most adverse circumstances. The completion of the healing process, even