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ARTICLE XVIII.—*On Inflammation of the Bursa under the Tendon of the Sartorius Muscle.* By ROBERT L. MACDONNELL, M D., Surgeon to St. Patrick's Hospital, Montreal.

There is a form of bursal enlargement met with about the knee-joint, which I should suppose to be of frequent occurrence, if I were to judge from my own experience, but which has not been noticed till recently by writers upon the affections of the bursa.* I allude to acute and chronic inflammation of the bursa lying under the tendon of the Sartorius muscle, near its insertion into the head of the tibia.

The following cases will serve as examples of the acute and chronic forms of the disease:—

A strong, healthy young woman, unaccustomed to walking long distances, passed all day strolling about the Mountain of Montreal in company with her friends, and returned to town, greatly fatigued, in the evening. About the middle of the night she awoke, suffering acute pain in the right knee, and at the upper and inner part of the head of the

* There is no allusion to disease of this bursa in the excellent lectures of Mr. Coulson, recently published in the *Lancet*, nor in the valuable papers, on the Bursa in the neighbourhood of Joints by Mr. Barwell, also printed in the *Lancet*.