

stricture was complete and required no further treatment. So much then for the right nasal duct, and now for the left.

During the summer of 1870, the patient, not being troubled, thought little of the stricture of the left side, but the cold winds of winter drove him once more to seek relief in an operation.

This stricture was complete, and the patient felt some slight apprehension of the probing, inasmuch as some years previously an attempt by another surgeon to force a passage had resulted in the formation of an abscess in the lachrymal sac. However a plan of treatment precisely similar to that employed so successfully in the right, was in the left, followed by an equally flattering result. He can now (Dec. 1871) pass hours exposed to the cold winds of a Canadian winter without the slightest lachrymation, and the openings through the once strictured ducts are so free that he can, by closing his nostrils, audibly draw the air downwards through the ducts, or expel it upwards at will.

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ADDRESS OF DR. COVERTON, PRESIDENT.

GENTLEMEN:—You may probably question the necessity or expediency of summoning the Council for the re-consideration of a subject that has already been pronounced upon at the June session, but as the matter in issue was then brought up for debate after several members of the Council had left, and is likely to prove a grave cause of dissension unless some satisfactory adjustment for all the schools can be arrived at, after consultation with my brother colleague—Dr. Hamilton—and other members of the Executive, I thought it better to incur your censure for what, in your judgment, may be viewed as an ill judged and hasty decision, than to have hereafter to reflect that our Medical Bill, which, although of a composite nature, certainly contains a ground of hope for an improved status, both general and professional, had been sacrificed for want of an effort to harmonize discordant views.

There are none present, I apprehend, prepared to maintain that a return to the licensing power formerly possessed by