

ART. V.—*Case of Urethral Calculus successfully removed, by operation, from a Child.* By GEORGE E. FENWICK, M. D., Lecturer on *Materia Medica*, St. Lawrence School of Medicine; Physician to the Montreal Dispensary.

On the 21st of November last, I was requested by my friend Dr. Scott, to visit a patient of his—he being confined to the house through illness. The history of the case is as follows:—H. P., a boy, ætät 3 years 11 months, a fine healthy, stout little fellow, has been laboring for the past twelve months under the following symptoms:—He had had what the mother called “a weakness of the parts;” he was unable at times to retain his urine, so that frequently, while at play, he would be suddenly seized with a desire to make water, and before he could prepare himself, it would pass away in his clothes. There was considerable itching about the glans, so much so that he had been in the habit of forcing back the prepuce and scratching, on several occasions, sufficiently hard to draw blood; lately much mucus was observed to be mixed with the urine. About a fortnight before I saw him, he was attacked one afternoon with sudden pain; the mother said he ran up and down the room like a mad person, complaining of great urgency, at the same time inability, to make water; and when she took up his clothes, she found that blood—in quantity about half a table-spoonfull—had flowed from the urethra. Towards evening he became worse; great pain was experienced, and constant desire to

make water, which came away after much straining in small quantities.

The parents did not seek medical advice until the second day after the passage of the blood above alluded to. Dr. Scott was requested to see the child; he found the bladder much distended;—a catheter was introduced, and about half a pint of strong ammoniacal urine was drawn off. He left instructions with the parents to apply hot fomentations to the parts, should the difficulty return, and prescribed a diuretic mixture. His directions were strictly attended to; and from that time to the 28th, a period of 8 days, they did not deem it necessary to trouble the doctor. On that day, however, Dr. S. being unable to leave the house, the case fell under my observation.

On entering the room, I found the little fellow lying across his mother's knee; there was great anxiety expressed in his countenance—a constant moaning, with occasional cry indicative of a desire to make water. The bladder was enormously distended; and there was a slight bloody discharge from the mouth of the urethra—no constitutional disturbance to speak of. The little fellow would seize the penis and draw it outwards, at the same time strain, upon relinquishing his hold—a small quantity of urine would gush out of the urethra mixed with blood.

I proceeded to introduce a catheter; it went down with perfect ease for about two inches and a half, when there was a sudden stop put to its progress,—the point seemed to strike against some