

ON
SO-CALLED IDIOPATHIC DILATATION OF THE LARGE
INTESTINE.¹

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Medical literature of the past three years contains a few remarkable cases of unexplained dilatation of the colon and sigmoid flexure, which are of unusual interest to the pathologist and clinician. The condition has, without a single exception, proved fatal, baffling the skill of physician and surgeon alike, and yet the failure of methods



hitherto employed, has stimulated suggestions in regard to treatment which may in future cases be of some benefit. A similar instance of the kind, which occurred a few months ago in the Royal Victoria Hospital, had, in addition, interesting features worthy of record in connection with the others of its kind so rarely seen by the clinician.

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