

This was just such a case as the conservative surgeon would consider an ideal one for temporarizing. It was not severe at onset; apparently much better on third day, yet next day it proved beyond hope of successful interference.

It is interesting to compare the last two cases. The pathological condition in each case was exactly similar; but in the one timely interference saved his life.

Case IV. J. McG., æt 42, came to office Jan. 31st, desiring to know cause of a small and painful lump in right side. Found a small tumour in site of appendix and advised its removal. Gives a history of occasional severe attacks of pain, centring at above point for about 4 years, also irregular bowels, either constipation or diarrhœa, and very often soreness and tenderness.

Operated Feb. 2nd.—Tumour, consisting of appendix, firmly adherent between cæcum and last two inches of ileum presented beneath incision, adhesions separated with difficulty. Appendix removed and stump buried in end of cæcum. Small drainage tube used. Rapid recovery and at work again in four weeks. Appendix distended with dark grumous contents and mucosa black and ulcerated at numerous points. Proximal end stric-tured but not quite occluded.

Case V. H. B., æt 32. Operated March 13 by Dr. Christensen. Found a small abscess between cæcum, base of appendix and ileum entirely enclosed by adhesions. This was cleansed out and appendix removed and drainage employed. Discharged cured April 27th. Appendix had ruptured at base. He had had repeated attacks, and a few weeks previous to operation had been examined by Drs. Christensen and Gundersen and myself, and a small tumour felt, which we agreed was the thickened appendix; but for some reason operation was not done. Shortly afterwards he was taken seriously ill, with what the attending doctor told him was peritonitis, and that he narrowly escaped death, was quite evident at operation.

Case VI. H. W., æt 28th. Operated April 19th, by Dr. Gundersen. Patient was seen by a doctor in the country a few weeks previous, suffering from a mild attack (first) of appendicitis. He advised him to come to hospital and have it