

portion which pressed upon the œsophagus and trachea, was about four inches long, and appeared healthy although very much hypertrophied.

Nov. 1st. She passed a quiet night but without sleep, voice feeble; deglutition painful and difficult; pulse quiet, no febrile excitement, no bleeding or pain in the wound.

Nov. 2nd and 3rd, doing well. 4th, removed the dressings, the lint was not even stained, and the wound was found to be completely united throughout.

Nov. 6th. The points of suture were removed to-day, union is perfect, no suppuration. The voice is somewhat restored, and all pain in swallowing has ceased.

Nov. 16th. Ligatures still firm, otherwise not a bad symptom. Her mother returns home to-day, and she has asked permission to accompany her, promising to come back the beginning of the week.

Nov. 20th. Ligatures still firm, in every other respect quite well.

Remarks.—I am induced to publish this case because the operation is one of rare occurrence, the majority of surgical writers not even hinting at the removal of this gland by the knife, the few who do, speak in the strongest manner against surgical interference, Gross says:—"If a surgeon should be so adventurous, or fool hardy, as to undertake the enterprise, I shall not envy his feelings, while engaged in the performance of it, or after he has completed it, should he be so fortunate as to do this. Every step he takes will be environed with difficulty, every stroke of his knife will be followed by a torrent of blood, and lucky will it be for him if his victim live long enough to enable him to finish his horrid butchery." * * * * *

"Thus whether we view this operation in relation to the difficulties which must necessarily attend its execution, or with reference to the severity of the subsequent inflammation, it is equally deserving of rebuke and condemnation. No honest and sensible surgeon, it seems to me, would ever engage in it."

In the case which I have given above the gland had taken on rapid growth, and it was a great deformity to a very fine looking girl it was pressing injuriously upon the œsophagus and trachea, and in a short time would probably have seriously injured this young lady's health.