

the non-descent of the testicle, but thought that developmental faults had something to do with it. In illustration he referred to a specimen now in the anatomical museum of the University of Toronto, which he obtained from a patient of Mr. Cameron's some years ago. There was a sarcomatous testicle lying in the iliac fossa and this was associated with hermaphroditism with a particularly well developed prostate utricle. He was convinced, moreover, that sarcomatous change was more frequent in undescended testis.

Dr. F. N. G. Starr thought the cure was difficult. He thought the best results were obtained from the wire splint described by him before the Academy of Medicine some years ago. Its chief use is in keeping the scrotum stretched.

Dr. Shuttleworth in reply showed wherein his method differed from Bevan's. The latter tore all the structures of the cord except the vas and its artery, while he clamped on either side and cut between. He found that in this way hæmorrhage was much less. He thought that in many cases the undescended testicle was atrophic and not worth bringing down. Indeed he believed that it is because of the atrophic condition that it failed to descend.

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## I. CASE OF DILATATION OF THE OESOPHAGUS. II. CASE OF STRICTURE OF THE OESOPHAGUS WITH DILATATION ABOVE THE POINT OF STRICTURE.

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**F**IRST.—Mrs. L., age, 57 years, consulted me in June, 1914, regarding her pelvic condition. Nothing of importance was found other than a slight degree of cystitis. She was a small, emaciated woman weighing about one hundred pounds, the mother of five children, of whom the youngest was twenty-nine years of age; and had passed the menopause at the age of forty-two. Her general condition was poor, but had been so for many years.

Enquiry into her digestive processes revealed the fact that for over thirty years she had difficulty with her meals, but experience had taught her how best to manage them. The technique which she had developed consisted of taking her meals in the ordinary way, then retiring to a convenient water supply, either tap or pitcher, and drinking at least three pints of water, after which she would rest for a while with a