

association which I do not think has met with all the careful attention from writers to which it is entitled. Entitled on two grounds—1st, from the frequency of the one as a sequence to the other; and 2ndly, from the inveteracy of the connexion when once established.

The following cases will afford exposition of the various changes brought about, from the apparently innocent verruca to the cancerous ulcer, and this again to the contamination of the system and the springing up of encephaloid disease. To illustrate still further this subject, I shall lay before the Society numerous casts and drawings, accurate representations of the respective changes as they were effected in each individual case, and shall conclude with a few practical deductions from the premises obtained.

*Case 1.*—Anne Sullivan, aged 52, applied to me for relief, in May, 1850, being then suffering severely from a large, painful, ulcerated tumour over the right eye. The history which she gave goes to prove that a wart about the size of a pea existed above the eyebrow ever since she was a child; that eleven months previous to her seeking my advice, it became painful and itchy; that she frequently tried to pick it away in little pieces, and often pulled long shreds out of it, the separation of which was always attended with sharp pain, lasting frequently for a lengthened period after, and usually with a smart flow of blood. About this time, too, the bulk of the swelling began rapidly to increase, with a red margin round it, and soon its appearance was altered in every respect from the original condition; the warty excrescence was cast off, and a small ulcerated surface, about the size of a shilling, lay exposed, which was elevated, hard, and circumscribed; yielding a thin yellowish discharge, and characterised by persistent pain of a pricking kind, subject at different times to various degrees of intensity. Day after day the tumour continued to enlarge, spreading its base by the accession of fresh nodules, which never rose to any greater height than half an inch above the surrounding healthy parts; the integuments thus appeared to ulcerate around, the destroyed part being supplanted with firm elevations, which, in their turn, coalesced, became convex, and in this way preserving the nodulated character of the entire surface. Thus the base extended widely in all directions—upwards on the forehead, inwards and beyond the mesial line, externally towards the temple, and down upon the cheek, and inferiorly so as to involve and depress the upper lid, and compromise vision in the right eye. The extent of ulcerated surface measured round its circumference ten inches. This amount of disease, then, was hurried into existence in the incredibly short period of eleven months. The character of the sore was peculiarly cancerous, the surface being nodulated, hard, and firm almost as cartilage, yielding a dis-