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Pancreatic Abscess with Pyæmia. Under the care of JOSEPH M. DRAKE, M.D. Reported by THOMAS G. RODDICK, M.D., Asst. House Surgeon, Montreal General Hospital.

Robert Clarke, æt., 30, baker by trade, was admitted into the Montreal General Hospital as a case of consecutive syphilis, under Dr. Drake, attending physician, on the 3rd February, 1869.

Condition on Admission.—His general appearance was not that of a strong man, and his features presented a peculiar pinched and shrivelled look. He ate comparatively well, however, and indeed requested more food the day after admission. He complained of no pain whatever, and when questioned declared he felt better than for some days previous. His ailments were two sores on the penis, one at the margin of the meatus and the other on the prepuce;—also too indolent dry-looking ulcers with no indication of granulation, oval in shape and situated, the one on the anterior fold of the axilla on the left side, the other on the outer side of the right thigh immediately over the trochanter. Neither of the latter had a drop of pus on the surface, and were very dry and puckered looking.

History.—His parents were very healthy people and died but a few years since at an advanced age. He has two brothers both of whom are in Scotland, and in the enjoyment of good health. He knows of no tendency to consumption in either branch of the family, and says his ancestors were noted for their longevity. While in England, fourteen years ago, he had intermittent fever and did not get thoroughly over it for more than a year, and he thinks he had a slight touch of it again seven years ago, but of the latter he was not very certain. He came to this country