

not like to trouble him again till the pain became so bad or the discharge so troublesome, and then he examined me and said I must have special advice at once"? Invaluable weeks or months gone, and then the verdict of the consultant, "It is not a case for operation," which really means "You have come too late," but can not be so candidly expressed, because he must guard the reputation of his professional brother. I admit that the false modesty of the patient, especially in some classes of society, makes the position a difficult one, especially for the young family doctor, but let me implore you all to awake to what is at stake, and to be firm in your demand for an examination,

and if you have any doubt after such an examination, to urge that the patient should at once seek the advice of some one who has larger opportunities than yourself for forming a sound opinion. I will go one step further, and ask you, if there should be any to whom such a temptation comes, never to go on treating a case in which there is a shadow of doubt, either because you doubt or because you want practice; if the case is susceptible of treatment at all, it is only surgical treatment which can avail, and that of so severe a kind that it requires the knowledge of the specialist if ever any disease did or does require special knowledge and special skill in operative treatment.