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ART. XVIII.—Further Observations upon the Treatment of Chronic. Hydrarthrosis of the Knee Joint by Puncture and Injections of Iodine. By ROBERT L. MAODONNELL, M.D., Surgeon to St. Patrick's Hospital, Montreal; formerly Lecturer on Clinical Medicine, and on the Institutes of Medicine, University of McGill College.

In the number of the Journal for June, 1857, I directed the attention of the Profession to the u.ility of "Injections of Iodine" in cases of Hydrarthrosis of the knee-joint, which had resisted all the usual plane of treatment, and which had ended in confirmed lameness. Since then, I have met with another example of the disease, in which the ordinary method was unsuccessfully employed by myself, whilst the patient was placed in conditions very favourable for his recovery, being a patient in St. Patrick's Hospital, under the daily observation of myself and colleagues, and where the most watchful anxiety was evinced by the attendants that in every particular the usual remedies should be administered in such a manner as to insure their efficacy. My reason for not resorting to puncture and injection at once, was, that having expressly pointed out that I did not advise this plan of treatment except where

hers had failed, I was unwilling to be the first to disregard the admonition.