

called attention to the importance of providing a sufficient closure for the new opening. In a case of colotomy, performed on a child for absence of rectum, and which was in other respects successful, death had occurred from prolapse of the intestine, in consequence of the want of a proper obturator.

Dr. Trendelenburg (Rostock) had performed enterotomy three times, and considered it much less dangerous than colotomy. in consequence of the injury to the soft parts being less. For the closure of the fistula, remaining after gastrotomy, he recommended a drainage-tube provided with a stop-cock, which could be fixed securely in a perpendicular direction by means of a ring of cork.

Dr. Czerny (Heidelberg) thought that, independently of the connection in size between the prolapsed portion of bowel and the opening, the prolapse was always absent, or very small, when there was adhesion of the serous membrane above the opening.

Dr. Von Langenbeck said, in order to prevent misunderstanding, that in the case of the child to which he had referred he had not performed Amussat's operation, but had opened the flexure of the colon. He had made the opening very small, and he believed that the prolapse was the result of invagination. A means of preventing prolapse, not attended with danger, but certain in action, was the use of a plug to be inserted in the intestine. One of his patients had for some years used this plan with success.—*Lond. Med. Record & Hosp. Gazette, N. Y.*

**Treatment of Ulcers of the Leg.**—Dr. Becker advises a new method of treating ulcers of the leg. First, the patient must remain in bed twenty-four hours, so that the usual œdema which accompanies ulceration may be got rid of. During this period the limb should be wrapped in lint soaked in a solution of carbolic acid. The leg should then be well dried and the bandage applied—this bandage must be of the thinnest possible linen and put on a hot plate and spread with heated emplastrum adhæs. (Emp. Resinæ). This plaster goes easily through the thin linen bandage, so that both sides