

Cayley what importance he laid on the presence of foetor as an evidence of gangrene. He had not understood from the notes read that there had been distinct evidence of a cavity. In two cases under his care there was the same absence of distinct signs of cavity, though the foetor was great. One was, no doubt, an old empyema. Was it not also true that these patients often went on a long time without getting worse. Mr. G. BIRD always trusted to a double opening with a drainage tube between them, and insisted on this as a point of importance. If this course were impracticable, he trusted to a considerable slit rather than a single puncture.—Mr. MARSH asked how far it was safe to inject such cavities with iodine. In one which he had so treated, and where there proved to be a communication with bronchus, the patient nearly died from asphyxia. Dr. BRISTOWE remarked that it was clear there was great difficulty in distinguishing between a cavity and a pyo-pneumothorax; but he thought the treatment of both should be the same. With reference to the value of shifting dulness that Dr. Pollock had insisted on, he mentioned a case of abscess of the lung where the cavity was very large, quite large enough to have proved misleading in this respect. The recognition of elastic fibres in the sputum was often a fallacious indication, of which he related a case in point. For his part he trusted greatly in antiseptics to the treatment of these cases.—Dr. WILLIAMS in his reply, explained that in the recognition of adherent pleura, he trusted to the old rules of retraction of the intercostal spaces, etc., and explained what was meant by the bilious attacks in his patient.—Dr. CAYLEY, in answer to Dr. Goodhart, said that he had taken the precaution to puncture with the aspirator before tapping.—*British Medical Journal*.

Case of Stricture of the Rectum, treated by Incision of Stricture.—(By D. Lowson, M.D.)—Mrs. S.—, aged thirty-four, had complained for eight years of symptoms of stricture of the rectum; and though during that period she had been frequently under medical treatment, and had derived considerable relief, yet the improvement lasted only a short time, and about two years ago she was