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PERFORATING TYPHOID ULCER.¹

REPORT OF A CASE

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I regret that Dr. Johnston has had an opportunity of presenting this specimen before the Society. It is from the patient referred to as doing well, in the clinical lecture which I delivered at the Montreal General Hospital, and which was published in the *British Medical Journal*.

The patient, E. N., aged 28 years, was admitted to the Montreal General Hospital under the care of Dr. Finley. According to the man's own statement he had been ill only three or four days before admission. His temperature was very high, reaching 104° F. and 104.5° each day. Baths lowered the temperature but in a couple of hours it would again reach the point recorded before the bath was given. The perforation occurred on the seventh day after admission to hospital and so far as could be learned, on the tenth day of his illness. The pain at the time of perforation occurred suddenly but was not severe. It was relieved by hot fomentations. The point of greatest tenderness was in the region of the right iliac fossa, and rapidly spread over the abdomen. The temperature was not lowered more than two degrees and the pulse not markedly accelerated.

I operated eighteen hours after the perforation had occurred. The perforation was found without difficulty or delay. It was only partially closed by the adhesion of a tag of omentum, the abdomen contained gas emitting a fæcal odour, and yellowish fæcal looking

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