

brought on by an overdose of mineral water. It was noticed that the stools were black. They continued so until the 2nd of December. Dr. Howard was of the opinion that the dark colour was due to blood. The pulse was frequent, and she became very anæmic. The pain in the left hypochondrium not so severe as it used to be, but more periodic, generally occurring at 4 P.M. Appetite very capricious. Occasionally slight vomiting, but merely the contents of the stomach were ejected. Never vomited blood. Diarrhoea and tenesmus were present in the month of December. The pulse gradually weakened as the disease advanced, being always regular. Tongue is now dry, brown and fissured.

On the 26th of December, Dr. Howard detected in the left hypochondrium a small movable tumour which was smooth and rolled under the fingers. Throughout the whole course of the disease this tumour afforded us ground for conjecture, but from the fact that at times it could not be found, we hesitated at giving a decided opinion.

At this time pain was very severe, but in the course of a month or so it wore away. She complained greatly of an uneasy sinking sensation in the left hypochondriac region. In March, 1879, hiccough appeared, and refused to yield to treatment.

In the beginning of April œdema, firstly of the feet, and subsequently of the hands, set in. The asthemia became more and more marked, and she died worn out.

*Post-mortem Appearances.*—Extreme emaciation, œdema of the ankles and hands. Abdomen shrunken and flattened; no tumour could be felt.

On opening the abdomen the lesser curve of the stomach appeared to be puckered and red. An ulcer as large as, and the shape of, the human ear, was found encircling the lesser curve, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  an inch from the pylorus. The edges of the ulcer were raised, thickened, and much indurated. The centre of it was very thin, so thin that on slight manipulation a rent was made in it.

Dr. Howard, who was present at the autopsy, thought that it was a large gastric ulcer which had taken on malignant action. We found no other lesion in the body except senile changes.