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ART. III.—*Clinical Selections*, by WM. WRIGHT, M.D., L.R.C.S.E.,
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VI. *Amputation of the shoulder joint for Osteocephaloma simulating
Aneurism.*

The origin and progress of malignant affections often continue to be matters of obscurity after the leading features connected with their known history have been disclosed. These lesions frequently are found succeeding an injury of a part, at other times no local cause is appreciable, while in a third class, as in the case subjoined, some uncertainty may prevail as to the real bearing which alleged provocation may have had upon the production of the specific disease, from having been frequently renewed, often before and occasionally after the obvious establishment of the latter condition, leaving the examiner much perplexed in his attempts to fix upon the positive date of its development. Nor is the endeavor, to establish a relative dependency between the constitutional taint and the topical disease, always more successful; experience shows that either may precede the other, the latter may seem to be a partial concentration of the former, or the former may equally look like the general diffusion of the latter, or instead of these simple evolutions, the formation may be more intricate as may now be learned. A man in ruddy health meets with an accident, the limb becomes the seat of similar oft repeated misfortunes, these through suffering and confinement imply