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Original Communications.

CASE OF SUPRA-PUBIC LITHOTOMY.

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T. D., aged 53, a carpenter, and native of Pictou County, began to suffer five years ago from incontinence of urine with difficulty in micturition. He was at the time resident in California, where he had worked for some years.

He took various medicines, without any benefit. Pain became a prominent symptom, and two years ago he was treated for cystitis by injections into the bladder. Owing to continued pain and loss of rest his health became much impaired, and he returned to Nova Scotia.

In May, 1891, he entered the Halifax Infirmary, where Dr. Farrell crushed and removed a stone. This operation gave great relief and his general health improved, until November, when the symptoms returned. During the winter he was seen by Dr. Robertson, of Hopewell, who recognised the presence of a

calculus, and found the urine turbid and ammoniacal. The patient was averse to further operation, and Dr. Robertson prescribed injections of boracic acid solution, also of nitrate of silver, and gave lithiated hydrangea, which appeared to give some relief.

I saw the patient with Dr. Robertson on April 27th. He complained of pain at the neck of the bladder; and also at a point half an inch behind the glans.

There was frequency of micturition, urine being passed every two or three hours, day and night. The urine was pale, turbid and alkaline, with free ammonia, and small crumbs of phosphatic matter were frequently passed. Only once or twice had blood been noticed in the water, and this was after the passage of a larger mass than usual of the calculus. There was a small quantity of albumen, probably derived from the pus present. No casts were discovered, but there was a large quantity of pus, some large mucus cells and bacteria.

On introducing a sound a stone was detected lying on the right side of the base of the bladder. It gave a distinct but not high-pitched click on being