

## CASE REPORTS—WITH SPECIMENS.\*

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### Resection of the Colon.

A. C., aged 30 years, farmer, had always enjoyed good health until October, 1899, when he began to have some obscure pains in the upper part of the abdomen, which were attributed to indigestion. In May, 1900, he had an attack of severe pain in the lower zone of the abdomen, which lasted for three or four days and which was thought to be appendicitis. After this attack a lump was discovered in the appendix region, and throughout the summer he was not able to do hard work and had occasional attacks of pain, but there was no complaint about the digestive functions.

He was admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital on the 10th of September, 1900. He had lost ten pounds since May (from 153 to 143 pounds). On the 12th of September an incision was made over the tumour and its character made out. The wound was closed without any attempt at removal, as had been agreed with him in case of the condition requiring a serious operation. On the 22nd of September, his consent having been obtained, the mass was removed. The mass included the whole of the cæcum and ascending colon and three-fourths of the transverse colon, with masses of glands from the mesocolon and gastrocolic omentum. The lower end of the ileum was attached to the distal end of the transverse colon by Maunsell's inversion method. A rubber drainage tube was left in the abdominal wound for two days, and then a piece of iodoform gauze was used instead. Everything went well until October 3rd, when the discharge became more abundant. On the 7th of October there was free bleeding through the drainage wound. This continued at intervals, and on the 8th there was found to be a large collection of blood within the abdomen. The patient was weak and in a poor condition, but the wound was reopened and the clots removed. The wound was left open and packed with iodoform gauze. No special bleeding point was discovered, although a couple of points in the omentum close to the stomach were ligated. He made a good but slow recovery as the wound supplicated, and he was discharged on the 26th of November. Recent reports are to the effect that he is well and gaining in flesh. It

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