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ART. XXVII.—*Contributions to Clinical Medicine.* By JAS. CRAWFORD, M.D., Professor of Clinical Medicine, McGill College.

W. D., a master baker, aged 49, of temperate, active and industrious habits, of spare make and thin visage, had been in the enjoyment of good health till about two years ago, when he began to suffer from dyspepsia, with gastric and abdominal pain, distention and flatulence, especially after meals, but without any impairment of his appetite; or rather the sensations generally felt in the stomach he mistook for hunger, and which induced him to indulge his appetite beyond what was requisite or prudent; and for a long time he yielded to this propensity, supposing he was merely gratifying an unusually good appetite. The inconvenience which generally followed he very reasonably attributed to the repletion; rather than to the morbid state of his stomach, as it did not amount to pain.

He was able to continue the superintendance of his business till July last, when the visitation of cholera so alarmed his workmen that some of them left him, which necessitated him to undertake the labour of baking, which frequently occupied him most part of the night, as well as the day, and so much overtaxed his powers that his strength failed rapidly, and the pains of his stomach became very severe,—his bowels being generally torpid; but his appetite did not fail, and his morbid sensations frequently tempted him to eat, which indulgence in general was followed by distention of the stomach and an augmentation of his suffering, to relieve which, he was occasionally induced to take a little gin and water, or ginger infusion. Fancying that much of his distress and suffering was owing to his late over-exertion, he left off all work, and went to the sea coast and to different places for change.

In May 1853, he had a very severe attack of colic, which he always was disposed to connect with his present complaint, but never again had a