

On the 12th of May I had the benefit of a consultation with Dr. Craik. At his suggestion salicylic acid in small doses was used, with a view to assist fermentation. A great improvement in the symptoms followed, but it was merely temporary.

One day in the latter end of May she caught cold, and during the week ending 1st June, 1878, she suffered from lung symptoms, which were thought by Dr. Craik and myself to arise from a slight pneumonia.

After this attack the old symptoms returned, and then I began to suspect malignant disease. In the middle of June Dr. Howard did me the honour of examining the case with me. We examined the chest, abdomen, rectum, vagina, and urine, but still no light was thrown on the diagnosis.

The pain and typanites continued as obstinate as ever until the 14th of September, when she went under homœopathic treatment. On the 14th of October I resumed charge of the case again. Much emaciated. Pulse very weak. For the next month she improved rapidly and was soon able to spend her day in a chair. The treatment consisted of anodynes, food and stimulants. The abdomen being now very flaccid, it afforded us (for I had benefit of frequent consultations with Dr. Howard) abundant opportunities for careful examination.

We became day by day more convinced that we had malignant disease of the colon, or of part of the intestine to deal with. For my own part, I did not even suspect the stomach until I had seen, through Dr. Howard's kindness, the autopsy of a patient of his, whose symptoms were all referred to in the intestines, and in whom, after death, the seat of the disease was found to be entirely confined to the stomach, the fatal event being caused by perforation of the pericardium. *

The consideration of this case prevented me excluding from my list of possibilities, the existence of extensive organic disease of the stomach.

From the 14th of October to the 26th of November, she was entirely free from pain, but suffered from weakness and constipation. In fact the bowels now never acted spontaneously.

On the 28th of November she had a sharp attack of diarrhoea,