

have occasional darting pains of a spasmodic character in the penis, as though they suddenly received a most severe and acute electric shock.

In this case although there were well marked local symptoms, the mischief had principally developed itself in the impairment of the nervous system.

CASE No. 1375.

It is with great reluctance I pen the following letter :—

I began to indulge in masturbation or Onanism some years ago ; I do not exactly know how long since. It was brought about by accident. Since your work on Marriage fell into my hands I have resisted the temptation to defile myself. At first it was very difficult and I could scarcely restrain myself for a week. I have now managed to do so for about three weeks, but feel tortured with all sorts of vicious thoughts. This is my situation at present, but previously and for some years, scarcely a day passed over in which I did not practise self-pollution. I am considerably troubled with knots of tough mucous matter coming up my throat ; this always occurred two or three hours after masturbation. As it is very considerably decreased lately, I now attribute the symptoms to that cause, which I did not previously suspect. My urine is sometimes very muddy, a sort of gleet is found to stick against the side of the urinal, and small white specks are sometimes observable floating about in the urine. I have a tendency to be costive, but not specially so. I have not the power of erection I ought to have. I begin to feel weak, and not able to work as I used to do ; and when I rise in the morning I do not feel refreshed after my night's sleep. I have occasionally a throbbing pain at the end of the foreskin, which is swelled, and appears somewhat inflamed, and I am very subject to pleasure-dreams, which are very weakening. I have slight aching pains in the testicles, one of which is slightly wasted, and have pains across the loins and up the neck and back of the head, which I never had before.