

(6) That these two indications are best fulfilled by a supra-pubic rather than a urethral or perineal operation.

In his address Mr. McGill says that he believes that Dr. Belfield, of Chicago, was the first to perform this operation. Dr. Belfield successfully removed a middle lobe of the prostate by the supra-pubic method, in October, 1886.

Mr. McGill's results were so satisfactory (eight out of the ten remaining well) that I decided to treat four cases that came into my wards in the Montreal General Hospital during the present summer by his method. I felt the more confidence in doing so because other surgeons at the Leeds meeting spoke so favourably of the results Mr. McGill had obtained, after seeing his cases and the tumours he had removed. Mr. Atkinson reported five cases. Four were alive and well, and the fifth died of pneumonia after recovering the power of micturition. Mr. Harrison and Mr. MacEwen were among those who thought favourably of the operation. I am sorry to say that I have not been equally successful, but my cases have been very instructive to me, and I hope that a brief account of them may be of interest to you.

My first case, M. C., aged 60, was admitted to the Montreal General Hospital on the 20th April, 1892. He complained of frequent and difficult micturition, also of pain over sacrum, and pain in front over bladder. These symptoms began two years ago. They have progressively increased, until now he urinates from six to ten times during the day and ten to fifteen times during the night. Respiratory, digestive and circulatory system normal. Had rheumatism three years ago. He has a double inguinal hernia. Upon examining the prostate per rectum, it is found very moderately enlarged, presenting a smooth, even surface. It is not tender, although pressure upon it produces a painful sensation at end of penis. A soft No. 8 rubber catheter passes easily. Residual urine, 4 oz. Urine pale amber colour. Neutral reaction, sp. gr. 1010. A small quantity of mucus and pus present. About 40 per cent., by bulk, of albumen. No sugar. Microscopically—Pus; granular casts; triple phosphate crystals; no blood corpuscles. On the 31st May, through a