

Hospital Practice.

TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL — SUPRA-PUBIC LITHOTOMY.

UNDER THE CARE OF L. M'FARLANE, M.D., TORONTO.

Reported by Dr. Thompson.

D. H., æt. 47, had always been strong and healthy; served in the war of '63, when he was wounded in the left leg by a bullet entering the inside of the left thigh six inches above the knee, and coming out on the opposite side an inch higher up, causing a compound fracture of the femur, which resulted in necrosis and discharge of pus for five years, when the sinuses healed up and he was able to use the limb. Towards the latter part of the year '64, while still lying in bed, he began to notice severe pains in his sides, shooting down to the scrotum, after which small round gravel stones about the size of partridge shot came away with the urine, when the pain in the side would go away. He had about six of these attacks, covering a period of three months. He had no pain to signify after this, and gradually improved, but in a few months noticed a difficulty in passing water, the stream being cut off short and a sharp pain after urinating passing from the neck of the bladder to the end of the penis. This pain was not always felt on urinating, but it began to increase when he passed a stone the size of a bean. He then began to feel others there. After two years in this way, he went to the Pollen Springs in Maine, where he drank large quantities of the water, which gave him relief, and these symptoms nearly all went away. After leaving these springs he went to another part of Maine and engaged in the tailoring business. The pain in the bladder and penis returned, but was not so severe as to prevent him from working for ten years. He then had to give up tailoring, and began travelling as a book agent. These symptoms increased, and he decided to come to the Toronto General Hospital, where he was examined by Dr. McFarlane, who detected several stones in the bladder, and decided to operate, choosing the supra-pubic operation.

The operation was performed on May 3. When the bladder was opened it was found to

contain twelve stones, varying in weight from one ounce and a half to twenty grains. The total weight of the stones was four ounces and a half. The patient made a rapid recovery, being able to leave his bed and walk about in three weeks. The abdominal wound was healed and the water passing through the natural channel at that time. The section in the bladder was sutured with silk.

Books and Pamphlets Received.

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Practical Lessons in Nursing. Diseases and Injuries of the Ear. By CHARLES HENRY BURNETT, A.M., M.D. 12mo, 154 pages. J. B. Lippincott Company. Price \$1.00.

An Elementary Treatise on Human Anatomy. By JOSEPH LEIDY, M.D., LL.D. Second Edition. Re-written. 8vo, 950 pages. J. B. Lippincott Company, 1889. Price \$6.00.

Immunity through Leucomaines. By EUSEBO GUELL BACIGALUPI. Translated from the second French edition, by R. F. Rafarl, M.D. New York: J. H. Vail & Co., 21 Astor Place, 1889.

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