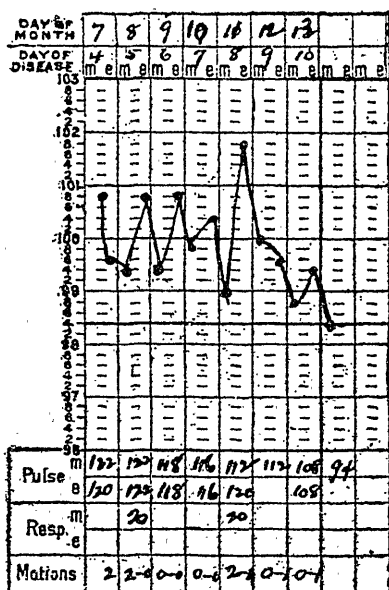


companying constipation. The physical examination confirmed the diagnosis.

The other probabilities were (1) acute indigestion. This was excluded by absence of a history of error in diet, by the location of pain in right iliac region and absence of tenderness in epigastrium, and by the physical signs on palpation. (2) Obstipation, which I considered contraindicated by the temperature. As a further diagnostic and as a preliminary in the treatment, magnesium sulphate was ordered in half drachm doses every half hour, and when six drachms had been taken the bowels were freely moved. This relieved the pain somewhat, but did not relieve the other symptoms. Each evening the temperature went up to 100.8° and each morning fell to 99.2° , while the pulse remained steady at about 122 per minute.

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It was evident that pus had formed and that the case was a surgical one, requiring surgical treatment, and the regret was that one had not seen it at the commencement to interfere before pus had formed. Accordingly preparations for operation were started,