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ART. XXXII.—*Clinical Lecture on Inflammation and Perforation of the Appendix Vermiformis.* By R. P. HOWARD, M.D., Professor Clinical Medicine and Medical Jurisprudence, McGill College.*

GENTLEMEN,—In my last lecture your attention was directed to the circumstances which caused the death of an old man, a hoary-headed septuagenarian, cut off suddenly, in advanced age, by a common disease. In to-day's, we are to dwell upon those which induced a similar issue to the case of a young woman, in the vigour of youth and health—an issue brought about by an unusual affection.

Bridget D—, a stout healthy woman, aged 22, was admitted into Hospital on the 13th day of January, 1857, in my absence and after the visit. She stated that her bowels had not been moved since the 8th; and they had no doubt been confined then for two days, as she had taken a dose of oil that morning (the 8th), but had thrown it up. The House Surgeon, Dr. Craik, saw her about 8 P. M.; there was slight pain over pubis, but no fever. He ordered an enema; but its administration was imperfect, owing to the instrument breaking.

On the 14th, at the noon visit, I found her complaining of uneasiness,

* This lecture was delivered in January, 1857. A few additions have been made to it since, chiefly in the citation of cases illustrative of the remarks made.