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CASES IN PRACTICE.—LUPUS.

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The following are a few cases of Lupus, which have come under my observation in ten years' practice. They are given partly because they represent different forms of the disease, and partly on account of their illustrating some interesting points in Pathology. The first was one of Lupus Hypertrophicus, extending over the greater part of the gluteal region, and forward over the groins. The history of the case is as follows:—

H. McK., æt. 28, sailor. Admitted to the Toronto General Hospital, October 15th, 1874. Up to the onset of the present disease he was strong and healthy. It commenced with a small pimple over the region of the coccyx. This was lanced, and healed up in two or three days. About three months afterwards another pimple appeared on the same place, which healed up as before. The same appearance and disappearance occurred about every three months for the next four years. During that time he was occupied as a sailor, his general health being good. At the end of the four years, however, the sore commenced to extend, and in a year it became about the size of a ten-cent piece. Caustic was then applied twice a week. The diseased surface was afterwards excised, and the base cauterized with argent. nit. It continued, however, to extend, so that at the end of

the sixth year the patch was $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, and half an inch broad. It was excised the third time without any good effect. At the end of the seventh year it was five inches long and two broad.

For the last three years he has not had any treatment. No history of tuberculosis or syphilis.

Present Condition.—The disease now almost encircles the body, extending from the sacral and coccygeal regions around to the pubes. The surface is raised and smooth, being made up of badly organized cicatricial tissue. The nodules peculiar to lupus, exist near the edge of the diseased surface. The patient remained in the Hospital some months. He was treated internally by large doses of potass iodid. and cod liver oil. The external applications used were of a mild astringent, and alterative character. No caustics were used. He left the Hospital very much improved. This was a very typical case of the Hypertrophic character. The nodules, as well as the central cicatricial tissue, were much elevated. It presented almost the appearance of a keloid.

Case II.—Jane McG. suffered from the most inveterate form of Lupus Vulgaris. It attacked first the side of the nose, and spread gradually over the cheeks. It then attacked the lips and chin, and passed upwards to the eyelids and forehead. She was twelve years of age at the commencement of the disease. In four years afterwards she was admitted into the Toronto