A CASE OF OLD UNREDUCED DISLOCATION OF HIP.

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The following may be cited as showing the irreparable damage done by neglecting to obtain advice in surgical cases. A. D.,—a fine healthy girl ten years of age, was brought two days before to the patient department of the infirmary, on account of the right leg being very much shorter than the left, which was causing the child some inconvenience in walking. The history of the case was that the child had a fall from its cradle in infancy, and a short time after the accident the mother noticed that the right leg did not appear to be of the same length as its fellow, but took no further notice of it. On making an examination, I found a well-marked dislocation of the right hip backwards on to the dorsum ilii. The head of the femur had accommodated itself wonderfully well in its new position, and the movements of the limb were free and easy, especially flexion and extension; but on comparing measurements with the sound side, I found a shortening of the right thigh by two inches and a half, thus considering the number of years that had elapsed since the accident, and the changes that must have taken place in the acetabular cavity, no attempt at reduction was made.

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