

pressing on the numerous vessels with the fingers, and also by the firm application of sponges. A large number of vessels were tied, and the scrotum sewn up from the bottom. Some little difficulty was experienced in replacing and retaining the testicles in their place. The amount of blood lost during the operation was much less than might have been anticipated. In the evening hæmorrhage came on, uncontrollable by cold, and leading almost to fainting; the bandages and pads were removed, the wound reopened, the clots turned out, and four ligatures were applied to bleeding vessels; ice-bags were put on, and the bleeding entirely ceased.

8th.—Doing well, but pale and weak. A moderate amount of stimulant allowed him. The right testicle was found partially protruding in the middle line below the penis, so it was pushed back, and two sutures were put in to keep it in place. He has no difficulty in passing urine.

10th.—Felt sick all last night; the bowels, which have not been open since the operation, were relieved freely this morning after a dose of castor oil; feels weak; little or no appetite; pulse 104; wound beginning to discharge; water-dressing.

13th.—Wound beginning to granulate; abundant discharge; poultice to wound; appetite good; general condition much improved.

17th.—Poultice discontinued; water-dressing; sutures ulcerated through, and most of the ligatures come away.

18th.—Red lotion (one grain of sulphate of zinc to the ounce) applied.

Aug. 4th.—The wound in the scrotum has now entirely healed, having progressed most favourably ever since the operation. The denuded penis is granulating healthily, but still presents a sore of some extent. It is touched occasionally with nitrate of silver. Applications to the scrotum discontinued.

The left testicle forms a prominence above and to the left of the penis; the right is situated below, centrally, and is not so readily felt. An unsightly redundancy of skin existed above, at the root of the penis, which to day (Aug. 10th) was removed by Mr. Fergusson, and the appearance of the part much improved.

13th.—Red lotion applied; the wound granulating healthily.

24th.—Discharged; the wound nearly healed.

The tumour, on removal, weighed 5 lbs. 15 oz., and consisted of a simple hypertrophied condition of the tissues of the part, infiltrated throughout with a quantity of semi-gelatinous material.

WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL.

STRANGULATED CONGENITAL HERNIA IN AN INFANT; HERNIOTOMY; RECOVERY.

(Under the care of Mr. HOLT.)

FOR the notes of the following cases we are indebted to Mr. Thomas Rutherford Adams, House-surgeon to the Hospital:—

Alfred A—, aged six months, of healthy appearance, was admitted, on the 27th of July, with symptoms of strangulated hernia. His mother states that soon after his birth she perceived he had a rupture, and when seven weeks old he was provided with a truss, which answered very well up to within a week previous to his admission, when, from some cause or other, it got broken, and from that time to the present she contented herself by simply returning the swelling, which could always be done without any difficulty. On the day previous to her coming to the hospital, during a violent fit of crying, the hernia again came down much larger than she had ever seen it before, and with all her efforts she could not reduce it. She applied to the instrument-maker's for a truss the following morning, and was directed to take the child to the hospital. The child was seen at twelve A.M.; it was continually crying, and had been sick six or eight times; there had been no action of the bowels, and as far as could be made out, the intestine had been strangulated twelve hours, and to all appearance the little fellow was very much distressed. Efforts were made by Mr. Adams to reduce the hernia before, and while the child was under chloroform, but without any success. Mr. Heath, who was in the house, tried also, but with a like result.

When Mr. Holt arrived, he had him placed under chloroform, and having performed the ordinary operation, the sac being opened, a large quantity of clear, dark-coloured fluid made its escape. Some difficulty was experienced in returning the bowel, of which there was nearly half a foot protruded.

Having replaced it, Mr. Holt closed the external wound with wire sutures, placed a compress and bandage over the parts, and ordered the knees to be supported. The child was to have no medicine.

The day following the bowels were relieved, and the sickness gradually subsided. He took the breast, and seemed lively.

On the third day the dressings were removed; the wound looked healthy, and union had taken place in different parts.

The sutures were removed on the fourth day; there were symptoms of diarrhœa. A very small dose of castor oil was ordered. Eventually it ceased, and the child went out in a fortnight perfectly well.

NECROSIS OF THE ASTRAGALUS; SUCCESSFUL REMOVAL.

(Under the care of Mr. HILLMAN.)

William G—, a strumous-looking boy, aged seven, was admitted on May 17th for disease of the astragalus, the result of an injury. About twelve months ago he was pushed from off the top of a high wall by one of his playmates. He fell to the ground on his feet, and immediately after the fall felt as if something had given way in his right foot. He suffered considerable pain at the time, and was unable to place the limb on the ground. Swelling rapidly set in, and he could not walk home, but was obliged to be carried. His mother applied cold rags to his ankle; he remained in bed for some considerable time, and he could not move about without giving himself great pain. About four months ago an abscess formed on the outer ankle, which Mr. Hillman opened when he presented himself as an out patient. The wound never entirely closed up, but continued to discharge matter. A small sinus also formed on the opposite side of the limb, on passing a probe through which rough dead bone could be felt.

The child now became an in-patient, and his general health was improved by means of good food, cod-liver oil, and iodide of iron. On the 24th of June he was brought into the theatre, and placed under chloroform. Mr. Hillman made a semilunar incision at the outer ankle corresponding to the outer surface of the astragalus, and forcibly bending the foot inwards, he removed with the gouge and forceps a large quantity of dead bone, and with the osteotrite smoothed the rough bone, which could be felt on introducing the finger. A narrow strip of wet lint was inserted into the wound, and the edges were brought together by means of silver wire, the centre being left open; two lateral splints with foot-pieces were afterwards put on to support the limb, and the child removed to bed.

July 30th.—Improving; free discharge of pus; granulations healthy-looking.

Aug. 30th.—The wound is all but closed; he goes out into the park daily; and his health is much improved. A light iron boot was applied to remedy the deformity of the foot, it being at an obtuse angle with the leg. This, by careful pressure and bandaging, has been rectified, and he can now walk about very well with the aid of a crutch.

REMOVAL OF A LARGE PORTION OF TIBIA, AND PORTIONS OF ASTRAGALUS, FOR NECROSIS.

(Under the care of Mr. BROOKE and Mr. HILLMAN.)

Harriett C—, aged nineteen, admitted into Chadwick ward, under Mr. Brooke's care, with extensive necrosis of the tibia and astragalus. This little girl had been a sufferer for many months. She lived in one of the lowest localities in Westminster, receiving insufficient nourishment, and being badly clothed. There were numerous cloacæ in connexion with the tibia, and sinuses led down to the carious astragalus. The limb was perfectly useless. She was operated upon by Mr. Brooke in June, when a large sequestrum was removed from the tibia, to the extent of some five inches. The limb was placed upon a side splint, and water-dressings applied. So far as the tibia was concerned, she made a good recovery; but the mischief still went on about the ankle. Her health did not improve. She was ordered to have wine, strong beef-tea, and cinchona, under which treatment she improved greatly, and was again operated upon by Mr. Hillman for the necrosed astragalus, a considerable part of which was gouged away. Her improvement commenced from that time, and she now walks about the ward daily; but the splint is still kept on to prevent curving of the limb. The foot is at a very good angle.

THE Hotel Dieu has lost, within a few days, two physicians, MM. Legroux and Piedagnel, both highly respected, and known by valuable contributions to medical literature.