

than an hour she began to sink; had cold extremities, occasional vomiting, and intense burning pain in the epigastrium, and along the œsophagus, relieved, in a great degree, by pressure. There was a swelling at the fore part of the neck and difficult deglutition, from an early period. The introduction of a large catheter restored the power of swallowing. On the third day there was extreme debility, anxiety, and restlessness, with intermitting pulse, and some discharge of blood from the stomach. After this, until the sixth day, she appeared to improve; when, after an exacerbation, the parts exhibited in the preparation were thrown up by vomiting. For many days after she appeared to be doing well, taking nutritious broths; but spitting up occasionally flaky fragments. On the thirteenth day the pulse was ninety, abdomen bearing pressure, no vomiting. The cuticle of the tongue now exfoliated; previously, its surface had been as white as milk, but, subsequently to the separation of the cuticle, it became as red as scarlet. There was about this period much difficulty and pain in swallowing, the obstruction being referred to a point opposite the cricoid cartilage; some difficulty was experienced in the introduction of a bougie. On the twenty-fifth day, there was considerable fever, pain in the side, and a pointing, as of an abscess, opposite the cricoid cartilage. On the thirty-third day, she died of the irritative fever. Although the stomach is not preserved, it may be satisfactory to state the appearances observed in the post-mortem examination. No peritonitis—stomach small and empty. Pyloric extremity apparently natural and sound, both inside and outside. Cardiac extremity smooth, reddish, and without villi, like the glazed surface of some hastily healed ulcers. About one half of the stomach, an extent corresponding exactly to the amount of parts detached during life, was in this state. At one spot only, where a pit existed—the result, no doubt, of a deep loss of substance in the interior—the omentum adhered on the outside, so as to maintain the integrity of the organ. The intestines, though every where healthy, were much contracted. Connected with the posterior wall of the œsophagus, there existed an abscess, which extended from about the third dorsal vertebra, to the apex of the tumor in the neck. It was found that the instrument, on its last introduction to relieve the difficulty of swallowing, had perforated the thinned softened walls of the œsophagus high up, traversed the cavity of the abscess for some way, and re-entered the tube lower down, in such a manner, as finally to reach the stomach. Some of the matters attempted to be swallowed were found mixed with pus in the cavity of the abscess.”—*From Dr. Houston's valuable Catalogue of Preparations in the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.*

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OBITUARY.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Howship, which took place on Friday, the 22d inst., at his house in Savile-row. Mr. Howship was a member of the Council of the College of Surgeons, and surgeon to Charing-cross Hospital. The name of Mr. Wakley, as we have already remarked, stands next on the list for advancement to the Council, but we cannot, of course, predict whether he will be passed over or not by his friends in Lincoln's-inn-fields.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from the secretary *pro tem.* of the British Medical Association, requesting to be informed “upon what authority we have published the names of six medical delegates as appointed by the Council, instead of two, viz. Dr. Webster, and Dr. M. Hall, as especially communicated to Dr. Green, at his request, by the secretary.” We beg to decline giving any such information; but would ask the Council upon what authority they ask us such a question.

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