

WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL.

WARTY GROWTHS ON THE LABIA EFFECTUALLY
REMOVED.

(Under the care of Mr. BROOKE.)

CONDYLOMATOUS or warty excrescences, which are not uncommonly seen in females about the labia, extending backwards towards the rectum, are usually the result of want of cleanliness during attacks of gonorrhœa, and when removed by the surgeon have a tendency to return. This recurrence often causes great inconvenience, and necessitates a second and sometimes a third operation. A case of the kind we remember being under the care of Mr. Brooke many months back, in which numerous warty excrescences were excised; but they returned in great excess, so as to give the labia majora the appearance of two prominent tumours, which had subsequently to be removed with the *écraseur* by Mr. Hillman. In the early part of July a young married woman was admitted under Mr. Brooke's care with a series of excrescences growing on either side of the external organs. These growths were very prominent, extending backwards for several inches, and laterally towards each groin. Their thickness must have been fully three-quarters of an inch, and on close examination they resembled multitudes of elongated papillæ closely packed together. Under chloroform, the whole of them were cut away with a sharp scalpel down to the surface of the true skin; this was attended with some amount of bleeding at first, but which readily subsided; and to prevent the possibility of recurrence of growth, a heated iron was passed over the denuded surfaces, and cold applications were then made over these. The result thus far has been satisfactory, and it is expected that the cure will be permanent, unless a fresh attack of gonorrhœa be contracted. Some surgeons find the application of a styptic or astringent lotion usually sufficient to prevent recurrence after the removal of warts. Professor Pirrie, of Aberdeen, has found a solution of sulphate of copper applied to the surface effectual in accomplishing the desired end when the warts were excised.