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CASE III.—*Empyema of the left side.*

The history was drawn up with great minuteness and accuracy by my promising but now deceased pupil Dr John Lane of Cork; and for some additions to the Journal report of the appearances discovered on dissection, I am indebted to my friend Dr Craigie, who carefully examined the parts after they were removed from the body.

“ November 12, 1820.—Rebecca Neilson, æt. 25, married. Complains of oppression and great difficulty of breathing, of a frequent cough, attended with a free expectoration of a thick purulent-like matter, and of palpitation confined to the epigastrium and that part of the chest lying behind and beneath the *right* mamma. These symptoms are all increased on the slightest motion. She can lie only on the left side, and she cannot take a full inspiration. The right side of the thorax is very sonorous, and by means of the stethoscope the air is distinctly