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ART. IV.—*On Gangrene of the Lungs.* Delivered at General Hospital, January, 1857. By R. P. HOWARD, M.D., &c., Professor Clinical Medicine, and Medical Jurisprudence, McGill College, &c., &c.

GENTLEMEN,—In to-day's lecture your attention will be directed to the peculiarities presented by the case of Doyle who has been under your observation now for over two months, and whose chest you have frequently examined under my supervision. Before making any comments, let me read the notes taken by Mr. Levi Church.\*

November 6th, 1856, John Doyle, æt. 36, laborer, admitted into Montreal General Hospital, on 17th Oct., 1856, under Dr. Wright, for cough, &c., who was succeeded by Dr. Howard on the 1st November, states that he had always enjoyed good health until about 7 months ago, when he caught a severe cold, while driving during a rain-storm, a distance of 8 or 9 miles in an open waggon, in Western Canada. He did not remove his wet clothes till bed time, and the next day he felt oppressed and heavy; this was succeeded by some fever and prostration, and about the fourth day by copious expectoration of a horribly offensive character. Though feeling very ill he endeavoured to keep out of bed, as he was in quest of employment, and about the eighth or ninth day he actually attempted to work one day, but was obliged by indisposition to desist. The cough,

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\* I regret to say the original notes have been mislaid by Dr. Church, to whom they were lent to be copied, and I now write the facts from memory.