

ation usually seen in opium eaters, his figure had a fullness and rotundity worthy of an alderman.

He was possessed of remarkable intelligence for a man in his station of life, describing his symptoms and feelings with great clearness, and discussing the merits of the different plans of treatment with much shrewdness and sagacity. He had procured many of the works of the most eminent authorities on stricture, as Syme, Lizars, etc., and had weighed carefully and impartially the arguments for and against the treatment by perineal section and had decided in favour of it.

As regards the history of his case previous to his admission into the Hospital, I cannot do better than to give his own narrative of it in the following sketch written by himself, and accompanied with the following note:—

MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL, 18th August, 1858.

TO DOCTOR FRASER :

Sir,—The annexed memoranda of my disease is as nearly correct as the lapse of so many years will admit.

I might have used more glowing colours in painting my sufferings. But as you advised I have given a plain unvarnished statement, carefully avoiding any thing like exaggeration.

It is a disease that cuts right and left. It destroyed my best faculties, moral and physical. In fact it has robbed me of the best part of my existence. You have enabled me again, if I may so speak, to meet the world on equal terms.

I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without tendering my sincere thanks, for the gentlemanly, kindly and able manner you have treated me since I came under your care. Accept therefore of my gratitude till I am able (which I trust will yet be) to present you a more substantial testimonial

In the meantime, allow me to subscribe myself, yours with respect.

J. H.

“About the year 1840, I was first troubled with a stoppage of water, after riding in a cart or on horseback. This recurred at short intervals for about 4 years, and lasted generally from 1 to 3 minutes, when all was right again.

“These stoppages were unattended either with pain or spasm. At this time when I made water it passed so slowly that I was obliged to retire from observation lest my failure might be noticed. All this I attributed to gleet or the remains of a disease with which I had been troubled for a long time as I observed in the morning the orifice of my urethra glued and my linen stained, etc.