

factor from the mouth at this period was very offensive, in consequence of lint placed within being saturated with pus, &c. A portion of this was removed, and the mouth syringed out with warm water; on the fourth day, she managed to swallow a little thin gruel, and had her mouth frequently syringed out with tinc: myrrh and water; on the ninth day, two of the ligatures came away and the remainder of the lint, and she managed to swallow fluids with comparative ease. On 18th day the last ligature came away, since which period she has been gradually improving, and now eats solids cut up fine, and drinks without dribbling; her speech is very little affected, and she is waiting for a vessel to go back to her family, very grateful for the relief which the Science of Surgery has achieved for her.

She is very little deformed; indeed, so little that one would not observe it, unless his attention was drawn to the subject, and she already begins to move the remaining portion of the jaw, so as to rub the teeth against their antagonists in the superior maxillary.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE MONTREAL MEDICAL GAZETTE.

GENTLEMEN,—Should the following cases be deemed of sufficient interest I shall feel gratefully obliged by their insertion in the Montreal Medical Gazette, and remain,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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Mrs. Rogers, aged 57, applied to me in July, 1843. She stated that about "10 years ago, a bone slipped down the throat, and, as she believed, lodged somewhere in the lower part of the swallow." It occasioned but little inconvenience for the first three years, but from that time, the difficulty of deglutition increased. For the past four years she had been under the medical treatment of most of the practitioners of the neighbourhood, who regarded the case as one of ulceration of the mucous membrane, and treated it accordingly; but the disease increasing, she came to me, when the following symptoms appeared. Great emaciation, pulse 90, weak and vibrating, skin dry, tongue moist but coated, bowels inactive (generally), great prostration, obliged to be assisted into my office by two persons, catamenia had ceased about 10 years. She had been obliged for the last 18 months to live upon vegetable diet and milk, which she had to comminute together into a soft pulp, of which she could only