

Hospital Reports.

MEDICAL AND SURGICAL CASES OCCURRING IN THE PRACTICE OF THE
MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Case of Pyæmia.—Under care of Dr. WILKINS. Reported
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M. C., æt. 23, was admitted on the evening of August 21st, 1878, with a painful swelling on the left antero-lateral aspect of the neck, and high fever. She was a servant girl of less than medium height, stout and well built. She was bright and intelligent-looking, but with very prominent eye-balls. Her family history was good and she had always enjoyed good health until five years ago, when she began to suffer from palpitation of the heart, and noticed an enlargement of her neck. She came to the hospital, and was found to have all the characteristic signs and symptoms of exophthalmic goitre. A prominent cyst in the left lobe of the thyroid gland was tapped, after which she says she did not suffer from palpitation or any other symptoms of this disease for two years, until the gland again became enlarged. Two years ago she had pneumonia and was treated in hospital. She menstruated for the first time two years ago and since then has not been regular, menstruating at intervals of one, two or three months. Her present illness began five days before admission with head-ache, back-ache, pain in her neck and fever. After the first day of her illness she had frequent chills and was very restless, not being able to sleep either by night or day. On admission, her temperature was 104° F., face flushed, breathing hurried, pulse rapid and intermitting. The eye-balls were very prominent, the anterior aspect of the neck much enlarged and painful, and towards the left side extremely tender. Two distinct and separate cysts could be easily made out—one at the extreme left of the gland very tense and tender, the other over the isthmus, pretty full, but not at all tender on pressure. She complained of pain in the tumor which extended down the sternal region. All the other organs were healthy. She did not sleep, and was very