

tenderness increased; discharge from ear slight; lower jaw fixed and immovable; deglutition difficult. Pulsation can be distinctly felt over a space reaching from the angle of jaw to malar prominence and backwards to mastoid process.

To have fomentations of poppy capsules, and sol. morph. mur. *pro re nata*.

6th. Had slept some during night, when at 3 o'clock a.m. was awakened by sudden violent discharge of blood from mouth and nose. The resident physician was immediately called, and digital compression of common carotid employed with ice to tumor. Partial syncope ensued when bleeding entirely ceased; rallied somewhat after administration of stimulants; no radial pulse can be felt. Pressure over common carotid by means of a spring truss was substituted for digital compression; the pulsation of tumor considerably lessened. A consultation of the staff of visiting physicians was called, and in consideration of his feeble and exhausted condition surgical interference was not deemed advisable at present. Pressure over carotid by means of truss to be continued and beef-tea and stimulants to be administered *ad lib*.

Dec. 7th.—Rested quietly and had some sleep; has rallied considerably; pulse 124, weak and compressible. Vomited some blood during the night and had several bloody stools.

Dec. 8th.—A consultation of the visiting staff was called to-day when ligature of the common carotid was decided upon. Chloroform was administered. The operation was performed by Dr. MacLaren, assisted by the hospital staff. An incision three and a quarter inches in length was made along the anterior border of the sterno-mastoid muscle, from the angle of the jaw, and the vessel exposed and ligature applied about an inch above the point where it is crossed by the omo-hyoid muscle. The wound was brought together by silk sutures and adhesive straps. Pulsation in the tumor ceased immediately upon application of the ligature.

Dec. 9th.—Passed an easy night; feels very weak; pulse 120. Slight sanguineous discharge from the ear, but no pain in tumor.

Dec. 12th.—Gaining strength: pulse more firm and general condition much improved. Wound on neck looks healthy. Discharge from ear more purulent in character.

Dec. 17th.—Looks well; says he feels strong and hearty. Wound in neck nearly closed; ligature still firm. Still slight discharge from ear, healthy pus; no blood. Horizontal decubitus still maintained. Pupils active; that of right eye rather more dilated than of left.

Dec. 25th.—Ligature came away this morning with the dressings.