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Meningeal Hemorrhage. By GEORGE A. BAYNES, M.D., C.M. (Read before the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal.)

On the night of the third of March, I was called on to see W. H. B.; not being at home the messenger went for Dr. Scott, who saw him after having recovered from what was said to be a faint or fit. The doctor ordered him to bed and to receive a cup of tea.

On my return at 11 p.m., I went to the club, and saw him; he was lying in the stranger's room, on pillows; he was much excited, being very talkative and throwing his legs about. On enquiring, I found that he had had one fit or faint early in the evening, losing consciousness completely, but recovered almost immediately. After some little time he was dressed and placed in a cab to be taken home, when he said that he felt another faint coming on him, and only had time to step from the cab when he fell prostrate on the sidewalk. Calling some of the waiters, he was carried into the club again, and placed in the stranger's room, where I found him. After conversing some little time we dressed him and drove to his rooms in Bleury street; I gave him a purge of calomel and jalap, after which he soon fell asleep but was very restless all night.

March 4th.—Saw him both morning and evening to-day; at both visits he was dull and very heavy looking, dozing at intervals; complained of pain at the epigastrium and nape of the neck, the latter he attributed to the fall after getting out of the cab the night previous. In the evening I gave him a couple of cathartic pills, the purge of the night before not having operated. I remained with him till he was sound asleep.

March 5th.—Saw him at 11 a.m., he still had a very dull, listless appearance; bowels moved once; complained of dyspepsia; he had been subject to indigestion for some time, for which I had previously prescribed. He asked for more of the pills I used to give him, they were

℞ Ferri redacti gr. 40.

Zinci Valerianatis gr. xx.

Strychnin gr. j.

Glycerine gr. s. Ft. mass and divide into 20 pills, one three times a day after meals. I also gave him a dose of bromide of potassium at night.

March 6th.—Much better to-day, but still very nervous and having a presentiment of another fit; walked about the room very restlessly from one seat to another; continued the pills with a dose of bromide at night.

March 7th. Very much better to-day, more lively; went out for a drive; slept well the previous night; continued the same treatment.

March 8th.—Still improving; walks with greater ease than previously, but still is nervous and fears another faint; I proposed a consultation. Asked him who he would have; said Dr. Campbell. I called on the doctor and made an appointment for the morrow; continued the same treatment with the bromide but stopped the stricinine pills.

March 9th.—Dr. Campbell saw him in consultation with me to-day; he told him he had slight congestion but he would recover, he must take this as a warning and to be very guarded in the future as to his living. Ordered him to continue the bromide of potassium with spt of chloroform, to get another purge of five grs. of calomel in a cathartic mass; he walked very fairly to-day but rather weak. Dr. C. pronounced his heart sound.

March 10th.—Much improved to-day, more lively; walked, talked, ate and drank well; went out for a drive; complained of no pain whatsoever; continued the same treatment.

March 11th.—Saw him this a.m., he was remarkably well, went out driving again to day, and wanted a beef steak, but I allowed him nothing but slops. In the evening about 10, I was sent for to see him as he had another fit; I went at once but he had just recovered as I entered the house. The messenger did not wait for me but went for Dr. Campbell who could not attend, so the messenger went on to Dr. Howard, who arrived almost immediately after I did, and prescribed:

℞ Ammon, bromid ʒii,

Capsici tinct. ʒiv.

Syr limonis ʒj.

Aquæ ad ʒvj.

A tablespoonful every hour until quiet or sleep ensues.

March 12th.—Very little better to-day, weak and nervous, and has a presentiment of coming evil; wished to make his will. Saw him in the evening, was a little quieter; left him asleep; all evening he complained of pain in the back;