their respective commanding officers, for the efficiency, as regards health and proper medical treatment of every officer and soldier under their charge. Armed, as I am, with authority to interfere at any stage of the treatment, in this instance I did not do so; indeed, this officer never was returned sick at all.

The circumstance which led to my seeing the late Captain H., were the strongly expressed convictions of an intimate friend of his family, that he was fatally ill on the afternoon of the day preceding his death. To use her own words, that he was certainly dying; that she had seen too many death beds, and one very recently, not to feel convinced, in spite of the reiterated assertions of Dr. Macdonnell to the contrary, that he had not twenty-four hours to live.

Captain H.'s commanding officer, although assured by Dr. Macdonnell that there was not the least danger, considered it his duty to desire that he should be seen by the surgeon of his corps. Dr. Staunton was not called, however, until the following day, at eight, a.m., when he requested me to accompany him. On our arrival, we found one thing too evident, that the patient was far beyond the reach of human aid; that he was dying.

He was lying on his back, with his knees drawn up, his countenance expressed anxiety, and his features were contracted; the abdomen swollen and tympanitic, and tender to pressure; the pulse gone at the wrist, and scarcely perceptible in the axilla. extremities were cold, and he was covered with a cold clammy perspiration. Although diagnosis for practical purposes was now of little importance, I considered such symptoms and appearances to indicate inflammation of the bowels; an opinion concurred in by every member of the consultation who saw the case under similar circumstances as myself. The assertion that Drs. Anderson and Barrett, of the 77th regiment, were present at the examination of the body against their will, is incorrect. Dr. Anderson expressed, by a note, his desire to come, to which I acceded. I had requested Dr. Barrett in the morning, in consequence of having seen him make these examinations with great neatness, to operate in this iustance. He certainly did express great unwillingness to do the dirty work of Dr. Macdonnell, a junior pupil to himself; a junior pupil to one of the junior assistant surgeons in the army! On my assuring him it was for Dr. Staunton, and not for Dr. Macdonnell, he readily assented; moreover, Dr. Barrett was present by Dr. M.'s own desire. The same attendants were there, and the same apparatus used as in the case of the humblest private soldier; delicacy, and respect to the feelings of the relatives, etc., being the object to be attained in both cases.

It is insinuated that the widow was put in possession by me of the result of the consultation, and the difference of opinion there expressed. "no doubt to assuage her grief." I never spoke to Mrs. H. in my life, nor did I authorise any individual to make such a communication. In common with the other members of the consultation, I recommended that Dr. M. should remain behind, for the purpose of informing her of the perilous and hopeless condition of her husband.

In conclusion, I may just observe, that diagnosis in the case of a moribund patient, is by no means clear; and I must say, that during my long professional experience, I have never seen muscular rheumatism running such a course, or terminating in such a result, except by metastasis to the heart.

You will oblige me by an early insertion of this letter in your journal.—Your most obedient servant,

M. MAHONY, M.D.

Montreal, May 20, 1848.

ART. XII.—RETURN OF THE TORONTO EMIGRANT HOSPITAL.

Toronto, 1st April, 1848.

Sin,—In accordance with your instructions, I beg leave to present the appended Tabular Return of Admissions, Re-admissions, Deaths, Discharges, and number at present remaining in the Emigrant Hospital, and Convalescent House, taken from the period at which the Board of Health took charge of the Hospitals, viz.,

19th June, 1847, to 31st March, 1848.Admitted—Males, 2812; Females, 1960; Total, 4772.

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Females, 392	102	50 & over,	7 & under, 207 7 to 15, 121 15 to 50, 451 50 & over, 102	7 to 15, 121	& under, 207	Deaths,
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4772	216	50 & over,	15 to 50, 3107	7 to 15, 764	& under, 685	Ages of Putients,