

The number of cases here is, of course, altogether too small to enable us to form a very positive opinion as to the merits of this mode of treatment, but, on the whole, the result is to my mind very satisfactory. I shall not hesitate to continue this method, and I intend recording the results in my note-book in order to better qualify me to give an opinion.

We find that in the above cases the average number of days necessary for cure in the successful cases is 8.1; also, that the percentage of failures in 13 cases amounts to 15.3. I regret not having more cases to analyse, but I have mislaid some note-books and do not wish to speak from memory, excepting just to say that the cases treated on this plan, other than those reported, were, as far as I can recollect, similar in every way.

CASE OF ACUTE PURULENT MENINGITIS, THE RESULT OF ACUTE OTITIS.

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W. J., æt. 35, was admitted into the Montreal General Hospital on the 17th January, 1880. He was then in a half stupid and delirious condition, and was paralyzed upon the left side. The following history was therefore obtained from his wife, who accompanied him: The patient has been a healthy and industrious man; never suffered from earache, and has never had any discharge from the ear until the present time; his hearing has been perfectly good. Just one month ago (18th Dec., '79,) he was attacked with a severe earache, which lasted only a few hours, when discharge began, and he had immediate relief. Went to work the next day as usual. The discharge ceased in three or four days, and he felt quite well until nine days ago (9th Jan., '80), when very severe pain again set in in the same ear, and kept on increasing in violence. Poultices were applied, and on the 15th a free discharge was once more obtained; but the pain continued with even augmented intensity, and occupied the whole of the right side and front of the head. He now