

been under Dr. Howard's observation for the last twenty or twenty-five years, and who only died last week of the affection.

Then, in the next place, it lacks certain of those characteristic features which we recognise in ordinary phthisis. The patients have not night sweats; they rarely have diarrhoea, and the loss of flesh is not very marked. They may have attacks of hæmoptysis, occurring usually at long intervals. On examination they present certain peculiarities, so much so, that superficial inspection alone may be sufficient to give you a good idea of the nature of the disease from which the patient is suffering. There is generally some contraction of one side the chest, accompanied by deficient expansion and some degree of immobility. There is not much fever throughout the disease except towards the close. Most of the patients are able to engage in the ordinary occupations of life and are only troubled with a cough and more or less expectoration. As a rule they enjoy a tolerably quiet existence for a long period of time. They are subject to recurring attacks of bronchitis, particularly in the winter season. The history of this patient is as follows:

J. W., aged 44, a native of Sheffield, a saw-maker by trade, admitted April 18th with cough and shortness of breath. Family history is good; none of his relations have died of consumption. Has worked at his trade from his youth; the special work which he does is beating the saw blades and is not accompanied by much dust. Has been a pretty steady drinker, though not a drunkard. Was strong and healthy up to about five years ago, when, in the winter of 1875, he spat a small amount of blood and had a cough, but did not leave off work. Had no pain in the side; does not think that he was feverish. The next spring he returned to Canada and remained well until the autumn, when he entered hospital for bronchitis. He has had a cough ever since, and has been laid up part of each winter, getting better in the summer. He has spat blood on several occasions, but never much at a time. Has not had night sweats or diarrhoea. Has lost flesh, particularly in the last four months. Coughing is chiefly in spells, which are violent and very often accompanied