

much exertion in passing and re-passing, in heavy snows, frosts and thaws, on the rugged paths; "not conscious of any accident which caused the lameness, it *came on by degrees like*; has rubbed all sorts of stuff upon the parts, *which might do some good*"! On examination of the limb, an aneurism of the popliteal artery was immediately detected, and the operation for tying the artery in the thigh recommended at once, the tumor being of considerable size and increasing. After a few days consideration, this was agreed to. We were assisted by our old friend Dr. Forbes, R.N., and two gentlemen from the other side, (Dr. Eady, of Lewiston, U. S., being detained elsewhere.) with Mr. James Thorburn, student, who kindly attended to the case afterwards, in assisting to keep up the temperature of the limb, &c. The patient was placed on a table, and the limb in proper situ. the sartorius muscle was easily traced; a good incision, of sufficient length to give ample room to the operator, was made in the upper third of the thigh; the artery laid bare, and most carefully dissected from the vein and nerve, *in as small a space as possible to pass the aneurism needle and ligature under*, the sartorius being held back by an assistant, with another curved needle; on tightening the ligature, *not too tight, pulsation of the tumor ceased at once*; the wound was then brought together, and retained by sutures, &c., and the patient removed to a bed on the floor, with his feet to a good warm fire on the hearth, and the limb wrapped in folds of warm flannel. Chloroform having been promised, that he might sleep through the affair, in blissful ignorance of pain, was applied, but the gallant fellow, an Irishman, declared, "*it was smothering him entirely, it was!*" was thrown aside, he bearing the operation manfully. It should be stated, that previous to the commencement, a very careful exploration was made of the chest by the stethoscope, as also of the abdomen, by the hand, to ascertain if there were indications of aneurism in these parts; the writer having been present at an operation of the same disease, performed by the late Sir Astley Cooper, *forty years ago*, in the theatre of St. Thomas' Hospital, London, when on the first incision being made, the man became suddenly faint, and *in a moment was dead!* A post mortem examination next day shewed a rupture of an aneurism of the arch of the aorta, *not previously ascertained*, and which gave way on the first touch of the knife! a lesson never forgot in after life! Union of the wound, to its whole extent nearly, soon took place, and in thirty days the ligature came away. The tumor rapidly decreased in size from the first day, is now entirely removed, and the patient able to resume his employment.

In the *Medical Times* of June last, is a review of a work by a Dublin surgeon, advocating the advantages of compressing the femoral artery, for the cure of popliteal aneurism, over the incision and ligature. This plan may answer very well in an hospital, where "means and appliances" are at hand, and no expense to the