

natural, pulse slightly accelerated, and the temperature of the body increased. On inquiring more particularly, it was ascertained, that he occasionally saw like sparks of fire, at other times black meats floating before his eyes; now and then he would feel giddy and stagger upon attempting to walk or stand. Sometimes he experienced a momentary blindness. After these symptoms had lasted from eight to twelve hours they would gradually pass off, and the patient would fancy that he was perfectly well. But the pain of the head invariably returned every other day. It did not observe any particular hour of accession, sometimes early in the afternoon, at other times late in the evening.

December 29th. Was ordered Inf. Chamomile and Soda Carb. This seemed to lessen the violence of the pain, and the next day he felt much better than he had on any previous day, since the commencement of the disease. On the following day (Jan. 1st), however, the pain returned with its former acuteness. The same treatment was continued, but the effect this time not so marked as before.

January 3rd. Pain having returned, was ordered an Emetic of twenty grains Ipecac. and three grains Tartar Emetic. This had a temporary effect in checking the attack, but it again returned.

5th. The Ung. Bin. Iod Hyd. was freely rubbed to the nape of the neck until vesication was produced. This also afforded temporary relief.

9th. Calomel grs. viij. to be taken immediately and followed two hours subsequently by Antim. Tart. grs. iv. The effect here also was temporary.

All the above means failing, salivation seemed the most likely to succeed; and to obtain this he was ordered Pulv. Antimonialis co. grs. iv, every three hours. The compound antimonials are composed of equal parts calomel, pulv. opiatum and pulv. antimonialis.

15th. In addition to the antimonials, an emetic of fifteen grains sulphate zinc was administered at the commencement of the attack. This had the effect of arresting the progress of the attack, but no permanent effect.

16th. Bowels being confined for the first time since his illness, was ordered a black draught with two grains antim tart.

18th. Attack again returned, sulph. zinc repeated, the antimonials were now omitted as the gums were slightly touched.

22nd. Has had no return of the pain since his mouth first became sore. Bowels being confined a cathartic was ordered.

23rd. Attack again returned, sulph. zinc repeated, but without effect.

24th. Seton was ordered to the back of the neck, but not fancying the operation he left the hospital.