

turbance beyond a sensation of weakness, but considerable mental depression.

He attributes his disease to infection caught by the introduction of his arm into the rectum of a bull, which was labouring under what appeared to be a dysentery, and of which it died. He afterwards assisted in skinning the animal. This occurred about the 18th April. He did not prick nor scratch himself, but in a few days his arm began to swell. The disease at first made its appearance in the form of a small vesicle of a greyish colour, gradually deepening in tint, and it, as well as the surrounding swelling, progressively increased in extent from the 28th, when he first observed it, till the date of his admission. Hot fomentations of acetate of lead were immediately applied, with the exhibition of sulphate of magnesia in infus. sennæ. At the visit hour the following day—

May 5th, the erisipelatous inflammation was observed to be extending up the arm. There was still but slight constitutional disturbance, pulse 84, natural—tongue clean, bowels freely moved by the laxative of yesterday. The pustule was laid freely open by a longitudinal incision, and a poultice containing port wine applied to the whole arm. This morning another pustule, presenting the same character as the original one, was observed on the palmar side of the wrist, gradually increasing to the size of a plum by the evening.

6th. The primary sore has discharged a little unhealthy looking pus, and two additional pustules have appeared near the thumb, and are augmenting in size. He passed a restless night, pulse 88, and becoming small. He was ordered quinine, gr. ij., ter. in die., and an anodyne of acetate morphia at night. The port wine in the poultice to be doubled in quantity.

7th. Slept a little during the night, but suffered great pain in the hand and wrist. The erisipelatous inflammation has now extended upwards to the shoulder, and side of the chest below the right breast. The three vesicles on the wrist are larger, the original pustule flat, with a distinct line of demarcation. A fresh vesicle has arisen on the back of the hand, and many smaller ones are shewing themselves. He experiences a good deal of uneasiness about the body, and feels chilly, but has had no distinct rigor. Appetite, however, is good, pulse 80, and small. Treatment persevered in.

8th. Looks and feels much better, pulse 72. Erisipelas begins to subside, and the three large vesicles in the anterior part of the wrist have fallen, as well as the one on the dorsum of the hand, and sloughs are beginning to fall from all the sores.

On the 10th the port wine poultice was discontinued; the arm to be firmly bandaged, as well as each finger

separately; flannel wet with warm water over the bandage, and the whole lastly covered with oil silk.

On the 13th the appearance of the arm was much improved, and in consequence of the faetor of the discharge, a solution of chloruret of soda was added to the warm water, for the double purpose of correcting the faetor, and facilitating the detachment of the sloughs.

On the 26th, the report states—arm continuing to improve; during the week two sloughs were detached from the spots where the larger pustules existed, leaving ulcers of the size of halfpenny pieces; the surface round the ulcers reddened, and slightly oedematous; erisipelatous inflammation is entirely subdued; swelling and tension of the whole arm much abated, although the former is not entirely gone; feels little or no pain; can flex the forearm and fingers, though some stiffness still exists. As his farming interests were suffering from his absence, he was discharged on the 27th May.

June 6. He came to the Hospital to show his arm, which was found to be doing well, the two ulcers healing fast; the dorsum of the hand is still swollen. He has been using the red wash locally since the 2nd June, conjoined with baudaging.

#### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Letters have been received during the month from Dr. Haller, (L'Assumption,) and Major Lachlan, (Colchester, C.W.) We thank the latter for the pamphlet enclosed, and earnestly request his co-operation. Dr. Parant, (Quebec,) will observe that his wish has been complied with. Dr. Nault, (Quebec,) has our thanks in responding so promptly to the call made upon him; we request a continuance of the same favour, at the proper time, and we shall be happy to hear from him on other subjects. To Dr. Grasset, (Toronto,) our acknowledgments are due for his kind wishes for the success of the Journal, and the enclosure. We assure Dr. G. that our object is to make the Journal, the organ of the Canadian Profession generally, but we must be supported. To the Rev. C. P. Reid, (Compton,) and Dr. Russel, (Carlton, C. W.,) the Journal has been forwarded according to their requests. We have also to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from Dr. Howard, (Kingston.) The subject matter of it is satisfactory. A letter with enclosure has also been received from Dr. Howard, (St. Andrews.) The first number was duly mailed to him. A fault lies somewhere, and we shall be obliged by similar notifications of the non receipt of numbers by subscribers generally, to get the matter rectified. We have in the mean time forwarded to him another copy. A letter has also been received from Dr. S. McDonald, (Drummondville.) The Journal will be regularly sent. Professor Robb's note, (King's College, Fredericton, N.B.,) with enclosure from self and Dr. Toldervy, has just arrived. We thank these gentlemen for their attention and suggestion, which shall be duly attended to.

We have received the "Boston Medical and Surgical Journal," regularly with its issue. The May number of the "New Orleans Medical Journal," and the June number of the "Philadelphia Medical Examiner," have also come to hand.