

liver, pancreas, spleen and kidneys will never be confounded? Our science is making rapid advances. We are ever learning new truths; our conduct *must* be modified by these discoveries. Let us not be ashamed of these changes, but rejoice in them; and let us hope that yet greater discoveries are before us, and that most important changes will follow.

*General Public Hospital, St. John, N. B. Case of Ligature of the Common Carotid Artery. Under the care of Dr. L. MACLAREN. Reported by Dr. Barteaux, Resident Physician.*

P. G., æt 25 years, occupation, seaman, entered the Hospital with the following history:—

On 28th October, 1869, while acting as mate of a vessel, coaling at Cape Breton, an altercation occurred among the crew, during which he was severely beaten and stabbed. The injuries were not severe with the exception of three stabs received in the region of the right ear. These wounds were followed by copious hæmorrhage, syncope ensuing. He remained insensible for some hours after the injury, during which time the bleeding ceased, with the exception of a slight oozing from the ear.

The weakness and prostration consequent upon the injuries rendered him unable to assist in working the vessel to St. John, where she arrived on the 13th November, when he was admitted to hospital.

Nov. 13th.—On admission, general condition pretty good, looks pale; says he is gaining strength, but is still very weak. Considerable tenderness and swelling observable about right ear and angle of jaw. There is a slight purulent discharge from external meatus tinged with blood; the orifice filled with granulations. Has paralysis of right side of face; says he has a sensation of numbness on that side. Is unable to close right eye, and there is noticable depression of right angle of mouth, and considerable difficulty in mastication. The hearing of right ear entirely gone.

Full diet prescribed, with beef-tea and milk punch. Poultice to be applied to ear, and granulations touched with caustic-pencil.

Nov. 28th.—Has gained in flesh and strength; swelling of jaw increased; discharge from ear about the same in character and quantity until this morning, when there was a sudden discharge of bright blood from the ear, sufficient to saturate the poultice. Meatus examined and no issue can be detected. Slight pulsation can be felt about the angle of jaw and between the angle and articulation. Complains of severe pain about the ear. Hot fomentations to be applied.

Dec. 3.—Passed a sleepless night; pain very acute; swelling and