

deglutition and respiration. The glands on both sides of his neck were much enlarged, which raised a suspicion of malignancy, and the man's eyes seemed bursting from their sockets. The base of the tumour was ligatured by means of a tumour tourniquet, and gradually tightened, which produced detachment in 48 hours. A careful examination by Dr. Andrew Clark, one of the best microscopists in London, revealed its true nature to be fibrous. The man has got quite well and left the hospital, the enlargement of the glands having wholly disappeared. In applying the ligature, Mr. Curling found it necessary to extend the fissure of the lip, by an incision through the cheek, to allow greater freedom of manipulation. A tumour of a similar character, I saw Mr. Tatum remove from a lad in St. George's Hospital on the last day of the year. It extended down the pharynx from the posterior nares and was attached to the body of the sphenoid bone between the pterygoid processes, and consisted of several lobes. Mr. Tatum found it necessary to remove the whole upper jaw, which was done very expeditiously and cleverly, without the loss of any blood, only one small vessel requiring to be tied. This case like Mr. Curling's has turned out quite well.

I could multiply the number of operations *ad infinitum*, but they would perhaps weary the attention of your readers, as there is such a sameness about the whole of them. There is, however, a feature in eye surgery worth noticing, as it has proved such a truly valuable one, and has been now tested by many months experience in some hundreds of instances. It is this, when an eye is altogether sightless and destroyed from disease or injury, the opposite one, hitherto sound, takes on some sympathetic inflammatory action, and will, in the course of a short time become useless with total blindness. This sad event is prevented by removal of the old and useless eye, which has caused the sound one to become diseased, and the normal condition of the remaining eye is completely restored. This I may say is the case in every 95 out of 100 instances. The removal of the globe is mostly effected by the sub-conjunctival method, cutting that membrane with scissors close to the cornea, which thus leaves a sort of bed for an artificial eye to rest upon, and which moreover permits of synchronous motion with the sound eye.

My friend, Dr. Barnes has been employing for some time the phosphate of zinc in diseases of debility of the nervous system, especially epilepsy, and with good success. The dose varies from 2 grains upwards, combined with dilute phosphoric acid; and some general tonic, three times a day, according to the special indication. It is well worthy a trial. He was led to combine the two in reasoning upon the well known efficacy of zinc in epilepsy, and the fact of there being a waste of phosphorus in the substance of the brain in exhausting nervous diseases.