

as to supplement the small quantity which the shallow sinuses would contain. A little smarting was complained of, but the application was repeated after a few hours, and again the following day. Almost at the end of twenty-four hours it could be perceived that a check had taken place in the morbid process, but by the next day it was plainly evident that the inflammation and induration were really beginning to subside. The carbolized lint was still carefully and scrupulously thrust to the very bottom of the small holes, and from this time no further spread of the disease took place, but, on the contrary, there was a rapid subsidence of the œdema, and in two or three days more little remained but some diffused swelling of the lower lip, some tender induration at and around the seat of the original pimple, and the ragged discharging opening which had formed at the site of the primary festers. The disease was therefore stayed, and in a few days more the patient was convalescent. He is now quite recovered.

I should scarcely have ventured to instance this case as proving the aborting power of carbolic acid over carbuncular or furuncular inflammation—seeing that the disease never attained to very formidable dimensions, and that possibly it might not under any circumstances have increased to a very serious size or extent,—had I not witnessed precisely the same effects in other cases as was here produced by the application of the acid. My conviction, nevertheless, is that the carbuncle was not only rapidly extending, but that it would quickly have become both large and important. And I cannot help contrasting its course with that of one which I had the opportunity of seeing, in its latter stages, some three years ago, where the disease attacked the same parts of the face, where only the usual treatment by poultices, &c., was adopted, and where, (instead of a duration of about one week for the severe symptoms, and of about ten days more for recrudescence) the suffering patient passed through a morbid process which took many weeks to complete its course, and which