

these pains were mainly on the right side and so differed from similar pains which may accompany coronary disease.

The August and September of this year, 1893, were spent at the seaside and here the pains disappeared, but they returned upon his return to work. The patient, it may be added, was of a nervous, excitable temperament, easily depressed and at times most melancholic. Alcoholic stimulants were now ordered with the result that he became an inebriate, and in December, 1893, his condition was such that he underwent the "Gold Cure." This apparently had the desired effect, but the general condition of the patient became steadily worse, so that by June, 1894, he had to give up work. The following month, he entered one of the large Boston hospitals, where, misled apparently by the neurotic temperament of the patient, a diagnosis was made of nervous prostration. From the hospital he went the following month to Nova Scotia, and here, with rest, his condition improved, and in September he was able to return to work. Already according to the patient, a slight prominence was noticeable over the sternum; this gradually enlarged. It should be added that it was already in the spring of this year that the patient had suffered from wheezing respiration and paroxysmal coughs. In November, 1894, his condition was so bad that he entered the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal. Upon admission, there was a prominence over the chest from the second to the seventh rib, highest over the centre of the sternum. On the left side there were two small tumours, just at the edge of the sternum between the second and third, and the third and fourth ribs; the area was distinctly red with definite pulsation and heaving expansile impulse. The dullness present extended rather more to the right side, namely, half inch to the left and two inches to the right of the sternum. There was a systolic murmur over the tumour, tracheal tugging was present and the patient experienced some slight difficulty in swallowing.

The arteries were atheromatous and tension was higher on the right side. There were diminished breath sounds over the right lung with wheezing during deep inspiration. Upon December 1st, 1894, the small pulsating tumours on the left side had united. Upon Dec. 6th, definite erosion through the sternum and through the third rib on the left side were made out. Upon the 19th, straining at stool led to definite increase of the pulsation and redness of the tumour. The pains during this month were evanescent. Towards the end of the month, the skin had assumed a bronze tinge over the whole tumour with two reddened areas, one over the centre of the sternum, the other and smaller to the left of the same. In January the tumour