

pathology hinted at above is correct, then we may hope for some specific treatment to arise in the near future. Now that animal and vegetable chemistry is assuming such an important place in our therapeutics we must hope for an antidote to this erysipelatous germ, if I may use the word. In the meantime, we must content ourselves with rational orthodox treatment. I would like now to ask those present to state shortly their method of treating this affection, taking a moderately severe case and standard. Whether they have found Tr. Ferri Chlor. sufficient to meet the symptoms. If so in what doses is it prescribed in the case of children and of adults? Lastly, whether any benefit can be expected from local applications? If used, what variety seem to be the most beneficial? Do they ever check the onward march of the disease?

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### SOME CASES OF GUN-SHOT WOUNDS.

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*Mr. President and Gentlemen,*—The paper I am about to read to you this evening is not a dissertation upon gunshot wounds, but simply a synopsis of several severe injuries of this class, whose course I had an opportunity of watching, as they were treated in the practice of the Montreal General Hospital during my residence in that Institution.

Our attention has been but lately called to the sad results of a wound of this nature in depriving the neighbouring Republic of its chief magistrate; and, although the cases I have to recount to you on this occasion did not terminate in such a lamentable manner, yet, several of them came so near doing so, that I hope they will interest you sufficiently to bear with me during their rehearsal; but before reading their histories, it will not, I deem it, be out of place to make a few general remarks on injuries of the nature under consideration.

Gunshot wounds belong to the class of wounds called *Contused*, when penetration of the body does not take place; and to that of *Lacerated*, when it is entered or traversed by the shot. They