

Diagnosis: Congenital cardiadextra. Acute attack of infective endocarditis, with cardiac dilatation and embolism in central nervous system producing coma.

Patient died a few days later. Unfortunately, owing to the distance, I was unable to secure *post-mortem* examination.

Persistent Thyro-Glossal Duct (?)

On October 12th, 1898, whilst on a professional visit to Kil-larney, twenty-five miles distant, I was called in to see a female, aged 21, with enlarged thyroid gland. For some months she had complained of an offensive discharge coming into her throat, without vomiting, without coughing, and with no accompanying catarrh, becoming quite profuse at times, on which occasions she noticed a diminution in the size of the goitre. There was no history of an abscess with sudden rupture into the trachea. Firm compression on the gland produced such discharge in the throat with apparent diminution in the size of the isthmus, or middle lobe of the thyroid. Patient said it had resisted medical treatment for some months. I asked her to come to my surgery here for further examination and treatment, but in the meantime placed her on inunctions of lanolin and iodoform. About two weeks later, word came that this had completely cured the offensive discharge; but as to the size of the goitre I did not hear. A future laryngeal examination might reveal a secretion into the foramen cecum, which would be of interest, as the late Professor Kanthack (*Journal of Anatomy and Physiology*, vol. xxv., p. 155) found no trace of such a duct in one hundred adults examined.

The Canada Lancet announces in its May issue, that Dr. H. B. Anderson will become its editor when he returns from Europe next autumn.

A number of surgeons of Toronto and vicinity left their homes, May 28th and 29th, to attend the annual meeting of the American Railway Surgeons at Richmond, Virginia. Among them were Dr. Bruce L. Riordan, who was elected President at the meeting held last year in Toronto, Drs. Herbert Bruce, J. Noble, W. H. Pepler, and Thos. Mackenzie.

Dr. J. Price-Brown will attend the meeting of the American Laryngological, Rhinological and Otological Society in Cincinnati on the 2nd and 3rd of June.