

amputation of the left limb would be required, but after finding that the principal vessels were intact, and that the ends of the bone were in tolerable apposition, it was decided to make an attempt at saving the limb. Both limbs were accordingly put up with Desault's long splints, and extension kept up as firmly as possible. The wounds on the face were dressed and healed by the first intention in a few days.

The great swelling and tension which were present in the left thigh gradually subsided, and in a few days were replaced by a discharge of healthy pus. At the end of three weeks, all inflammatory action having apparently ceased in the right thigh, the long splint was removed, and splints of strong pasteboard, with starched bandages, were substituted. The long splint was reapplied for a few days until the starched bandages had time to stiffen. It was then removed, and the limb allowed to remain in that condition for seven weeks.

Notwithstanding the steady extension which was kept up upon the left limb, the fracture showed very little signs of union, the discharge continuing to be very profuse, and on introducing a probe, part of the bone was found uncovered. It was still hoped, however, that the dead bone would exfoliate, and the fractured extremities ultimately unite, and consequently he was given four ounces of wine daily, with beef tea, porter, and other nourishing articles of diet, for the purpose of keeping up his strength, which had begun to fail.

Ten weeks having now elapsed since the accident, and Dr. Howard being prevented by sickness from attending the Hospital, the dressings were removed from the right thigh by Dr. Scott, who had charge of the wards during Dr. Howard's absence. In the process of removing the bandages, &c., the thigh was found to be much wasted, and in consequence the splints and other dressings were somewhat loose. When the thigh was laid bare, although union seemed to have taken place sufficiently to allow of the limb being moved slightly, without any perceptible motion between the fragments, yet it was evident that things were not altogether in a satisfactory condition. There was considerable deformity, showing that the ends of the bone were not in apposition. Immediately above the knee was a remarkable hollow, a projection, as if the upper fragment were riding over the under fragment. On the outer and posterior aspect of the limb, there was another projection apparently of the lower fragment. He could raise the limb about three inches from the bed without assistance, but with considerable pain, and when he attempted to raise it higher, the pain was excessive. He could rotate it pretty freely. During the two weeks in which the limb was left uncovered, being at the same time stimulated by friction and liniments, very little improvement took place, and on one occasion, when the leg