

ground by the reins a hundred yards or more. He said he dated the commencement of his failing health from that accident, and thought he had in some way or other injured his lungs. It is probable the aorta had received sufficient strain to set up athromatous change, and by this gradually weakening and destroying a patch of the inner coats of the vessel, the aneurism was gradually developed. Probably another exciting cause, or a cause which tended to its development after the reception of the injury, was the nature of his occupation. It was an exceedingly responsible one, being a despatcher on the G. T. R. He was certainly a very nervous man and very restless and sleepless.

As advised, he went to bed the day after the consultation, and we succeeded in keeping him there until the end of July, a period of 13 weeks. Commenced treatment with 5 gr. doses of iodide of potash, and in a little while increased it to 7 grs., three times a day, but soon the characteristic rash appeared, when I tried increasing the dose to remove the rash, and ordered him 15 gr. doses three times a day. This had the desired effect and this dose was continued for some time. Believing the iodide of potash was doing some good, we increased to 20 gr. doses and kept him on it for nearly two weeks, when we were obliged to desist altogether, as it now induced severe neuralgia of the face. I was never able to give it again, even the smallest dose brought on renewed attacks of neuralgia. One evening at the beginning of the third week, a message was sent for me to go as quickly as possible at it was thought he was dying. I went at once, though expecting to find him dead. He had considerably recovered from what he then described as a sort of momentary unconsciousness, immediately followed by a peculiar feeling in the left side of the head and a numbness down the right side, felt more particularly in the right foot. The feeling in the head and the numbness lasted for several days but gradually wore away altogether. I am inclined to think a small clot had escaped from the tumor and entering the left carotid had become lodged in one of its branches. At any rate, he began to improve immediately afterwards. The external tumor which had previously been quite soft and extensible, so much so that every pulsation of the heart was quite apparent in the tumor several feet from the patient, now became firm and hard and the beat barely recognizable on

close inspection. I am quite satisfied a large clot formed in the tumor, and this gradually contracting in time so far removed the pressure that the patient was relieved from all symptoms brought about by the presence of the tumor, and said he felt as well as he had ever done in his life. Day by day the external tumor was an indication of the amount of shrinkage that was going on. From the size of a large horse-chestnut it continued slowly to recede until barely discernible. After the pain and other distressing symptoms disappeared the patient improved rapidly in health. He was less nervous and slept well. His appetite became so good it was with great difficulty he was kept down to the low diet prescribed. We tried hard to keep him longer in bed, but he was feeling so well and his circumstances beginning to press him somewhat, he was determined to be up and to work again. I am satisfied had he remained in bed six months instead of three, he would still be living. After taking gentle exercise around home for a few days he resumed work again on the 8th August. He was advised to avoid any excitement or violent exercise. During all that autumn and winter he was very careful. I saw him every Saturday evening and examined his chest. The tumor seemed to be at a standstill and he was feeling well. In the spring I left town for three months, and on returning in July found he was not so well; pressure symptoms were returning, the external tumor was a little larger, breathing slightly obstructed, pain felt at times and cough troublesome. Ordered him to bed again but he put it off for a little while, saying they were very busy in the office just then. He kept putting it off from time to time until on the 11th Sept., while at work in the office he dropped over dead, seventeen months from the time we first saw him.

This case appeared to us to contain two or three features of special interest, which, in better hands might have been more clearly explained, but may even now offer subject for thought. These questions suggest themselves:—What was the cause of the aneurism? What happened to the patient at the beginning of the third week? Did the iodide of potash have any remedial effect? Did doubling the dose of this drug remove the rash spoken of? Was the external part of the tumor any indication of what was going on in the large part within? Was a second aneur-