

fuel during the day or night as I could have wished. To the extremes of heat and cold I therefore attributed the protracted recovery of many of my patients; and were I again to be placed under similar circumstances, I think I should regulate matters with more advantage to the wounded, and with more satisfaction to myself."

In cases of amputation, the divided muscles of a limb are sometimes prone to an unusual degree of retraction. A long and tedious transportation, immediately after the performance of the operation, the occurrence of secondary hæmorrhage for which the dressings have been removed in order to secure the bleeding vessel, the presence of intermittent fever, and the careless application of the bandages at the subsequent dressings, may all have a tendency to produce it. Maggots, too, when allowed to remain in a stump, seem to operate as an immediate exciting cause to this involuntary action. Nor can it be denied that the presence of a number of ligatures in the living soft parts,