

bowels constipated and considerable tympanites, relieved at times by passing flatus. Paraplegia still continues. The friends of the patient suggested bringing on some well-known specialist on Diseases of the Nervous System from New York, and I selected Dr. Seguin. On December 5th this gentleman met myself, the late Dr. R. P. Howard and Dr. Perrigo. After hearing my notes of the case he made a thorough examination of the patient, and gave it as his opinion that we had to deal with a tumor of the spinal cord situated about the first lumbar vertebrae. Its nature might be sarcomatous, but he was inclined to consider it syphilitic, although I had not been able to make out a specific history. I may say that subsequently I was able to satisfy myself that Dr. Seguin was correct in his opinion. His advice was to push iodide of potash to the limit of five hundred grains a day, commencing with a drachm three times a day, and increasing the dose by thirty grains daily. It was to be taken in Vichy water, two bottles daily, half the dose being dissolved in the contents of each bottle, and used as a drink. If, within the following two weeks, there was not any improvement, he thought the issue would be fatal, unless the spine was opened and an exploratory examination made. If the diagnosis was confirmed, he would then advise that the spine be further opened and the tumor removed. Although this operation had never been performed he strongly advised it, and believed the prospect of success was good. Dr. Weir, of New York, had expressed his determination to perform such an operation when a suitable case presented itself, and Dr. Seguin believed such a case was the present one.

*Same day, 10 p.m.*—Lightning pains in both legs all day. Spots of non-nutrition; bed sores are evident over maleolus and heel of left foot, and at several points on right foot and leg. Fifteen minims of Battley gave a fair night's rest.

*December 6th.*—Bed sore over sacrum threatening, and the patient was ordered to lie as much as possible on either side. Non-nutritious spots on leg decidedly increased in size. Lightning pains in both legs at intervals—urine has still to be drawn off.