

From several very severe head injuries treated during the half year, I select the following :

A. D., aged 16, miner, sent in by Dr. Gorman, of Rutherglen. Had been crushed by the falling of a large stone from the roof of the pit, and a piece of bone (which he produced from his pocket) as large as a florin, knocked out of the left temple. The skull was fractured extensively over the left frontal and parietal bones, and the brain exposed at the spot from which the piece of bone was removed. There was also a large scalp wound across the back of the head. There was some bleeding from the wounds, but otherwise no complication arose. He never suffered pain or any disturbance. Both wounds healed quickly, and with very little suppuration. He never, after the first stunning effects of the blow passed off, had any "head symptoms" whatever, nor any form of paralysis. The pulsations of the brain, which had been very apparent after the wound healed, wholly disappeared before he left the hospital. Quietness, low diet, and attention to his bowels comprehended the whole treatment required. The patient's youth made the prognosis favourable from the first, and also the fact that the brain was not apparently lacerated, nor any fragments driven downwards.

*Ovariectomy.*—In the case operated on this half year, the method of managing the pedicle by torsion, which I brought under the notice of the profession in 1870, answered admirably. There was no difficulty with it, and not a drop of blood escaped. The case ended fatally. The tumour was a multilocular one, and the adhesions very extensive and firm, and the hæmorrhage therefrom very difficult to check. The operation was necessarily a long one, yet the patient (a woman of 35) rallied well. She died suddenly in 26 hours, apparently from exhaustion, as nothing wrong was discovered on *post-mortem* examination. The vessels of the pedicle were found to be quite impermeable and not to have shed a drop of blood.

*Healing of Ulcers.*—I have had several opportunities, during 1871, of trying the method I explained the previous year of healing ulcers by covering them with serum. I propose to enlarge the observations during the coming year, and vary the methods