

ear. This produced an external wound, and in a few hours intense pain in the ear ensued, which lasted for some weeks. While the pain continued there was a very copious discharge of pus from the ear, which, however, almost entirely ceased in about two months. The wound did not close for three months, and then he thought he was perfectly well. In three or four weeks, however, an abscess formed in the situation of the wound, and while it was maturing the ear commenced to discharge again. Now also he was troubled with occasional fits of earache. The abscess was allowed to open by itself and then he obtained relief. More or less discharge from both ear and abscess continued but without much apparent inconvenience to him up to the past Christmas, when the earache which alone had troubled him before, became reinforced with very severe neuralgic pains over the side of the head and face. At this time he placed himself under care of Dr. Wagner of Dickenson's Landing who relieved his sufferings from time to time with opiates and soothing applications, and about the first of April sent him to Montreal to obtain if possible further advice.

His health had been failing for some months before admission, and a marked symptom in his case was obstinate constipation. In fact he rarely had a motion without an aperient.

On admission Dr. Drake examined him carefully and very soon discovered a small portion of denuded bone by passing his probe downwards and forwards in the direction of the external meatus. The patient was put under chloroform and a free incision made through the original wound and down to the bone. Warm poultices were ordered to the part with Pulv. Doveri gr. x. at bedtime.

*April 5th.*—The wound looks very much more healthy than before the operation and he suffers comparatively little pain. The poultices have been continued without intermission, and the opiate is still to be given each night. He is also ordered Pil Coloc et Hyosey. no. iij for his bowels.

*April 6th.*—Condition unaltered; bowels opened only once; is ordered:

R Ammon Mur. Potas Iodid aa 3 ij. Infus Cinchon ʒ xij.

Sig. 2 tablespoonfuls three times a day.

*April 11th.*—Was given a seidlitz last night which however did not affect his bowels so he is ordered two drops of Ol. Tiglii. The incision looks well. Very little pain in the ear but a considerable discharge. The opiate to be continued at bed-time as before.

*April 14th.*—Is not so well to-day. Complains of pain in the side and back of the head. When crossing the ward this morning he staggered and fell as though in a faint. Has been frequently seen by the