

he had despaired of ever doing again ; his joy is excessive, he is reading of Delhi, and burning to go to India. In November he had an artificial eye, and left the hospital in great joy, his eye-sight quite restored in one eye, and his appearance altogether changed for the better.

I may just say, that previous to the operation Mr. Coote satisfied himself that the optic mechanism of the good eye was perfect, otherwise perhaps it would not have been right to subject the man to this operation ; it would be no doubt a very painful thing to say there would be no cure if the second eye was totally wrong also, but there would be no alternative.

The second case is that of a young man who lost the use of one eye by an explosion of "fire damp" in a colliery, and by the current of cold air, which immediately rushed through the mine, causing him a severe chill ; the globe of the eye was atrophied, soft, and the cornea hazy. This "shrinking" and softness of the eye are very common where the eye becomes atrophied.

He suffered constant pain in the region of the back of the orbit and temple, so severe as to deprive him of sleep. He says it is not a headache, but a constant pain at the back of the orbit ; the sight of the eye is failing also now for eighteen months ; he can only grope about, as the dark spots sometimes shut out vision completely, and he is, to all intents and purposes, totally blind.

He was admitted Nov. 6th, but it seems not a very promising case from the beginning ; the right eye, it was feared, was undergoing processes of change ; the left eye was gone. Mr. Coote's colleague, however, objected to any operation, and you saw the man taken off the operating table !

Nov. 15.—A week after the last date, the operation was performed, as Mr. Coote had in the meantime obtained the opinion of all the surgical staff of the hospital, the majority leaning towards the operation, the recent facts in other hospitals being so satisfactory.

Nov. 15.—The man was allowed to get up and go about ; he had also ordered for him meat diet and porter ; you see this is the day after the operation, so that it does not inconvenience the patient very much. There is, in fact, little or no subsequent annoyance at all.

Nov. 29.—The wound is closed, and as the globe of the eye was previously atrophied, the change is very slight indeed. Next, as to the sight of the remaining eye ; he reports it as "wonderfully improved ;" the dark spots have vanished, he can see small objects such as pins, needles, leaves of a plant in the ward, all which he could not have done for a year previously ; the pain so agonising in the orbit has also gone