

and elevate the limb. Bandage carefully to obtain uniform pressure and in the matter of drugs I have found nothing to equal the iodides. In conclusion there are cases especially in young children where, if the pus be speedily evacuated, the abscess collapses, the periosteum reunites with the bone and no necrosis takes place. This result is unfortunately quite exceptional. In hospital practice the cases are rarely seen early enough to admit of this result being obtained, and in private practice from its rare occurrence, is generally poo-pooed until too late.

The following is the brief history of a case under my treatment in February of the present year:—G. S. *et* thirteen years, Toronto, fell off a toboggan, slightly bruising the tibia on the inner surface of the shaft three inches below the inner tuberosity. A week after the injury, of which the boy took no notice, he amused himself by

making a snow tunnel in the garden in which enterprise he was compelled to lie on the ground on his chest and hands and his shins were also in actual contact with the snow for some hours.

Whilst attending another member of the family the boy's mother casually asked me to see his leg, of which he was complaining. Pain, heat and swelling (diffuse) were the points which struck me: backed by the history of traumatism and subsequent exposure to cold, there was no room in my mind for doubt, as to the nature of the disease with which I had to cope.

I immediately cut down on the tibia dividing the periosteum and evacuating what pus there was.

Three weeks afterwards, the incision had granulated up with no resulting sinus or necrosis.

My dressing consisted in lint soaked in a one in forty solution of carbolic, maintained in position by a bandage which I always carefully applied myself.

EDITORIALS

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"From one stage of our being to the next
We pass unconscious o'er a slender bridge,
The momentary work of unseen hands,
Which crumbles down behind us; looking back,
We see the other shore, the gulf between,
And, marvelling how we won to where we stand
Content ourselves to call the builder Chance."

Lowell.

WE may be mistaken, but we incline very much to the opinion that several of the members of the old staff of the Toronto School of Medicine might fitly express their sentiments in such poetic language as the importance of the occasion has recalled to us. Truly, indeed, have they passed from one stage to another over a slender bridge, the work of unseen hands! Little did the students suppose last April that "Toronto School" would know them no more, and that their astonished eyes would behold on opening day

"A brilliant line
Of twenty-nine"

from whom to receive in future all knowledge by any possibility pertaining to the *healing art*; while some of the twenty-nine,

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have doubtless several times recently made their bow to said conspicuous personality. But now

that the slender bridge has crumbled down behind them, the gulf between, it is our privilege to view them as they stand, the Medical Faculty of the University of Toronto.

Speaking generally, every one, looking from an independent standpoint, must consider the change a move in the right direction, and in the interests of medical science; hence the Minister of Education and University Senate on the one hand and the Toronto School on the other are to be congratulated on the happy Chance whose "unseen hands" drew the one to the other. Had she done her work perfectly, she would probably have left several behind, or dropped them in "the gulf between." It is really too bad though that said hand did not similarly give Trinity an effectual pull; but, my! what an aggregation there would then have been! Twice twenty-nine less eight = 50; still that would have left, according to our nosology, twenty diseases for each, so perhaps it would not have been too many. It strikes us, however, when the Minister did undertake so much and found it practicable that, in addition to the old "science staff" of University College and School of Science, one or two more regularly paid professors should have been added, thereby not only greatly extending the efficiency of the school, but also making it