

DR. SPENCE ON SYPHILIS.

Name.	Date.	Disease.	Treatment.	N. of D. in Hos.	Date of Sec dary Disease.	Description of Se- condary Disease.	Treatment.	N. of D. in Hos.	General Observations.
W. W.	June 1, 1834.	A small circular foul sore on the penis.	Caustic, black wash, & aperients.	15	Aug. 11.	Pain in the shoulders and knees, papular eruption.	Sarsaparilla, nitro-muriatic acid, baths	48	Good health since.
C. M. C.	May 11, 1834.	Swelling of the prepuce copious purulent discharge—two foul sores behind the corona glandis.	Cold lotions, caustic, black wash, & aperients.	19	Not known.	Mercury to ptyalism.		Treated on Detachment.
					May 30, 1835.	Pains in the shins, swelling of the legs and blotches on the face.	Sarsaparilla, nitro-muriatic acid, foot baths.	60	Treated at Head Quarters; good health since.
G. G.	Oct. 9.	Foul sore behind the corona glandis.	Caustic, black wash, & aperients.	18	Nov. 5.	Pains in the limbs and papular eruption.	Sarsaparilla, & aperients.	15	Good health since.
J. R.	July 20.	Deep foul ulcer behind the corona glandis, with hard edges.	Poultices, caustic, black wash, & aperients.	24	Aug. 23.	Pains in the limbs, fever, followed by scrofulous swelling under the lower jaw.	Nitro-muriatic acid, baths, sudorifics, and sarsaparilla.	...	Under treatment when this return was completed, but eventually quite recovered.
J. G.	Sept. 12, 1833.	Foul elevated sore near the frœnum, with tendency to slough.	Caustic, black wash, & poultices.	13	Apr. 21, 1834.	Pains in the limbs, swelling of the tonsils, papular eruptions.	Alteratives, sarsaparilla, fumigations, & nitro-muriatic acid.	...	Discharged the service for scrofulous swelling in the neck, but eventually recovered.
D.	Nov. 5.	Not described.	Black wash & aperients.	27	July 29.	Iritis of the left eye	Mercury to ptyalism, berladonna, sarsaparilla.	39	Not in hospital since.
W. W.	July 26, 1833.	Deep foul sore at the extremity of the urethra.	Caustic, black wash, & aperients.	24	Sept. 5.	Pains and papular eruption.	Aperients & sarsaparilla.	33	Good health since.
W. B.	Feb. 7.	Superficial sore on prepuce & another behind the corona glandis with hard edges.	Caustic, black wash, & aperients.	16	April.	Papular eruption, for which he took Mercury whilst on Detachment.	Sarsaparilla, at Hd. Qrs.	60	Recovery complete, was afterwards discharged the service in consequence of an injury to the tibia.
G.	Apr. 12.	Foul sore near the frœnum, not deep but spreading.	Aperients, black wash, & poultices.	...	May 19.	Sore not healed, has ulceration of the tonsils and an eruption of a scabby character over the whole body, which falling off leaves ulcers.	Alteratives, sarsaparilla, nitro-muriatic acid, baths, gargles, and mercurial fumigations.	151	This man being of very intemperate habits, received a blow on the head while drunk, which was followed by Erysipelas, of which he died.
J. B.	Sept. 22, 1833.	Phymosis with swelling of the prepuce and extensive ulceration of the penis, and suppurating bubo.	Poultices, caustic, blue stone, black wash, dilute nitric, acid, & aperients.	37	Nov. 22.	Pains, papular eruption.	Repeated courses of mercury, sarsaparilla, and nitric acid.		Health so much impaired as to unfit him for ordinary duty, but was employed as an orderly in the hospital until he was again affected with primary disease as below.
J. B.	Sept. 25, 1834.	Extensive sloughing ulceration of penis.	Calomel sprinkled on the sore which affected the syst. black wash, poultices and aperients.	41		Whilst under treatment he became affected with pains in the knees and shins, Rupia Proandynens, & a general break up of the constitution.	Sarsaparilla, blue pills, nitro-muriatic acid, baths, sudorifics.		Discharged the service, and since died, though the immediate cause is not known.

Thus then, according to the foregoing table, 1 case of secondary disease, and 3 individuals out of 367 have been so injured by the disease as to be incapable of the duties of soldiers; papular eruption occurred in 2, pains in the limbs in 9, iritis in 5, and ulcerated throat in 7. Mercury & Ptyalism has been administered in 7 of these secondary cases, more particularly in those of inflammation of the iris, and alteratives with sarsaparilla and the nitro-muriatic acid baths in the remainder. From the same record of practice I am enabled to adduce another table of "Secondary Syphereal Disease" occurring after ulcers on the genitals, treated with Mercury elsewhere than in the General Hospital, whereby it will appear, that the number of cases of constitutional disease is very small in proportion to the local affections, which may be presumed to have been treated, and the destruction of health and efficiency seems to have been equally prevented. This document, however, is in some degree

incomplete, because in many of the cases we have no description of the Primary Sore.

(To be continued.)

TO THE EDITORS OF THE MONTREAL MEDICAL GAZETTE.

GENTLEMEN,—Will you do me the favor to give a place in the Montreal Medical Gazette, to a suggestion which I wish to offer to my professional brethren, in expectation, that with their co-operation, it will be found capable of conferring a valuable benefit upon the public.

It is briefly, the application of the tincture of Iodine (*form Magendie*) to prevent the unseemly consequences which attend small pox, and further to render the disease milder and less dangerous, by its peculiar antiphlogistic powers.

I have been in the habit of using this application very extensively, in a great variety of affections for some years; particularly in acute rheumatism, neuralgia and erysipelas, more especially that of the