

In one case of incipient lenticular cataract, which could clearly be perceived as a slight cloud before the eye, not unlike very diluted milk, and was especially proved to be seated in the lens by a catoptric examination. In this instance the patient complained of fulness about the head and eyes, had a quick full pulse, and was evidently of a plethoric habit. Bleeding and active purgatives followed by alteratives were employed, the patient put upon low diet, and forbid the use of the organ for a considerable period.—The cloud before the eye very greatly diminished, and the visible opacity became much less, so that I flattered myself that I had by these means lowered the tone of the system, and diminished the quantity of albumen in the blood, and thereby had succeeded in removing the superabundant production of the liquor Morgagni that might have ended in the absorption of albuminous deposit in the texture of the lens, and have eventually caused confirmed cataract. At all events I think this is a subject well worthy the attentive consideration of the surgeon, and certainly deserves to be tried in cases of incipient lenticular cataract, for we might possibly supersede by timely means the necessity of an operation.

*Amaurosis.*

The cases of Amaurosis that presented themselves at the Dispensary were for the most part of long standing, in which vision was more or less totally destroyed. A remarkable example of congenital predisposition to this disease happened in the cases of three brothers; which hereditary tendency they seemed to have derived from their mother.

The elder brother first presented himself complaining of loss of vision; he stated that about a year ago, a little saw dust got into his eye which caused slight irritation; this lasted for several days, during which time he frequently observed flashes of light in the eye, and that even in a dark place, which surprised him much; he also experienced a dazzling kind of pain in the eyeballs; a few days after he was at work—hewing some timber, and suddenly observed a mist come before his eyes—felt giddy, and became sick at stomach, so that he was obliged to leave his work; by degrees vision became more indistinct, not in consequence of a haze or cloud before his eyes, but in consequence of the darkness and indistinctness of the objects around him. At the time he asked for assistance, the darkness or deficiency of vision was very great, so that although he managed to go about the streets of Toronto, it was more by his previous knowledge of the localities, than an ability of distinguishing the places by means of vision. He indistinctly saw the windows of the room, but could not see the frames; in a printed book, he could see the lines of words, but could not distinguish the largest letters. He complained that the darkness had a net-like character that seemed to prevent his seeing; the pupil was