

These had to be repeated for several days, but, under the mixture of iodide of potash and colchicum, which was again prescribed, he was at his office toward the end of the month. He then left the city on a week's business trip, which was fatiguing both mentally and bodily. The day following his return, November 9th, I was sent for to relieve the same pain. Hypodermics of Battley were useless, and I got him under the influence of opium by giving it by the mouth, and he gradually got ease. On the 15th of November he was so much better that a trip to Nassau was arranged for. Up to this time he did not complain of any increase of numbness in the feet and limbs, and he had perfect control over them. On the 22nd November the pain returned, and opium was given in full doses by the mouth. In the early morning of the 26th November I was called for the purpose of drawing off his urine. I attributed its retention to overdistension due to a blunted sensibility caused by the large amount of opium he had taken. In the forenoon the late Dr. R. P. Howard and Dr. Perrigo saw the case in consultation. We then noticed for the first time a distinct loss of power in the lower limbs. He was, however, able to get out of bed unaided, but, when seated on a chair, it required a determined effort to cross them. The patella reflex was about normal. Irritation of the soles of the feet showed slightly diminished reflex action while the patient was seated on a chair. When lying in bed the reflex action was normal. The diagnosis was some affection of the cord, but no absolute diagnosis was made. Patient put on ten grains of iodide of potash three times a day. Two days later the loss of power in both limbs was absolute. The paralysis of the bladder continued, and, a trained nurse being placed in charge, the urine was withdrawn four times in the twenty-four hours. From the commencement of the illness the pulse has varied from 80 to 96, and the temperature has never risen above 99. Notwithstanding the large quantity of opium which had been taken, the stomach remained in fairly good condition. On December 1st severe lightning pains were felt in both limbs, but the pain over the region of the kidneys had not been felt for several days. The