

*Case 13.—*

J. O'D., æt 55, was admitted into the Montreal General Hospital on September 16th, 1871, suffering with two large ulcers on the anterior surface of the leg, one about four inches below the knee, the other on the anterior surface of the ankle. The borders were considerably inflamed, and the granulations large and indolent.

Dr. Fenwick ordered linseed meal poultices to be continued for three days, at the end of that time the inflammation had subsided greatly.

On the 26th October ordered the leg to be strapped according to Baynton's method. This had the effect of cutting down the tall granulations, and placing the ulcers in a fit state for receiving the grafts.

October 30th—Two grafts were taken from the arm and placed on the upper ulcer, the lower one being heated by the strapping. On this occasion no plaster being at hand, the grafts were covered with oil silk and done up with warm dressings.

November 2nd—When the oil silk was removed, one graft came away, the other remained adherent and presented a bluish white appearance, showing that it had become vital; the granulations surrounding it very healthy; warm water dressing applied.

6th—Grafts progressing favourably, new tissue forming pretty rapidly from the grafts, and also at the edges. But what of the lower one?

10th—Examined to-day, grafts doing well, but the lower ulcer completely healed under strapping treatment.

12th—The graft is doing a large amount of good to the upper one, the cicatrix is forming fast. The patient says it never was so nearly cured before.

13th—Ulcer just about closed, one small opening remains.

16th—The small space is gradually and steadily being closed, by the little shoots of tissue which are spreading out in all directions.

19th—Completely closed up. Patient leaves hospital to-day,

REMARKS—In this case skin grafting can hardly be said to have proved so eminently successful, it rather indicates that Baynton's strapping when properly and carefully applied, is just as efficacious and in this instance it proved a little more so; as to the permanency of the cure, I cannot speak, not having seen the patient since he left the hospital.