

HOSPITAL REPORTS.

Case of Traumatic Epilepsy, under the care of DR. JONES.—Henri Urban, a German, aged 20 years, was admitted into the Montreal General Hospital on the 11th October, 1862. About half an hour previous to admission, while standing on a ladder, hanging up a piece of meat on a hook, in the St. Lawrence Market, the ladder slipped, and he fell to the ground. In the fall his left forearm caught on a lower hook. It inflicted a severe lacerated wound. There was considerable hemorrhage until reaching the hospital, when it was easily controlled.

On the 8th of November, about seven o'clock, he was seen to enter the water-closet, and in a minute or so afterwards, a low piercing cry was heard proceeding from it. On going thither he was found in a most violent epileptic fit. He was removed to his bed, and Dr. Taylor, the House Surgeon, called; and so violent were the paroxysms, which were of a true epileptic character, that it took several persons to hold him. About a drachm and a half of chloroform was administered, without lessening the fit. Dr. Taylor accordingly bled him to the extent of eighteen ounces, which seemingly gave relief. The duration of the attack was about half an hour. A drachm of Hoffman's anodyne, with forty drops of solution of morphia, was administered soon after he came out of the fit; and about three hours after, he got five grains of calomel and one drop of croton oil.

At the time of the attack the wound had almost entirely cicatrized: he never had an epileptic fit before. He states that he felt a distinct epileptic aura commencing in the hand of the wounded arm, and gradually working up till it reached his shoulder, when he suddenly lost consciousness. The patient was dismissed on the 22d of November, quite well, not having had any repetition of the attack.

Case of Idiopathic Tetanus, under the care of DR. JONES.—John McNeill, an Irishman, aged 36 years, presented himself for admission among the out patients of the Montreal General Hospital, on the 10th of November, 1862, suffering from trismus. He stated that about a week previous he attempted to perform the feat of raising a chair with his teeth, when he felt his jaw receive a severe wrench, but he experienced no further inconvenience till the morning previous to admission, when he felt his lower jaw getting stiff; this continued to increase, and on admission he was barely able to open it sufficiently, to allow the handle of a spoon to enter. He was ordered a liniment of chloroform and belladonna, to apply to the muscles of the lower jaw, and to have a dose of croton oil.