

the boy could bend the leg backwards to a right angle with the thigh. From this time, the improvement in the motion of the limb was progressive; the patella, though considerably altered in shape, has perfectly united by bone, and its motion is as free as that of the other side. For some months the boy was slightly lame, but at present, he has perfectly recovered the use of the limb in every respect.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most ob't. servant,

JAS. B. JOHNSTON, M. D.

Sherbrooke, Aug. 10, 1844.

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TO THE EDITORS OF THE MONTREAL MEDICAL GAZETTE.

GENTLEMEN,—A very striking discrepancy having been noticed and commented upon in the evidence given by Dr. Holmes and myself, at the recent Coroner's Inquest, I should feel obliged by your inserting the following communication in the next number of your valuable journal, and remain yours obediently,

WOLFRED NELSON.

Montreal, 26th April, 1844.

Acute Inflammation of the Peritoneum is so fraught with pain, suffering and danger; so rapid in its course, and so often baffles the best efforts of our art, that the recital of JULIEN CHAMPEAU's case cannot be devoid of interest, in a pathological point of view at least. I have placed this case in juxta-position with the symptoms as laid down by the best writers, and as received by the profession all over the world. Every man, even out of the profession, will, from the comparison, be able to judge whether or not this was a case of "intense inflammation," as I felt bound in my evidence to maintain that it was.

On the 17th of April last, 12 A. M., Julien Champeau, æt 28, strong, muscular, plethoric, unmarried; received a bayonet wound about 3½ inches to the left, and about the same distance above the umbilicus; next day, 18th, 1 P. M., was labouring under high fever, some headache, face flushed, eyes

"Dans la péritonite, le ventre devient douloureux, la plus légère pression est insupportable; le malade est forcé de se tenir sur le dos; tension des hypochondres; des nausées, vomissement, et hoquets, le pouls dur, petit, et concentré. Lorsque le sujet est jeune, bien portant et doué d'une