

could not understand till one of the nurses discovered a convalescent carrying a quarter of a sodden pie upstairs under her apron and giving it to the case whose chart I send you. Then the whole thing came out, there was a family compact to prevent us from starving the "poor things," though we had spent hours trying to impress the danger of such a course on them, we did not have the sole monopoly of the feeding of the case. The nurses slept in the barn and the neighbors, with two exceptions, avoided the district most carefully. I "loaned" my socks to the corpse and borrowed a pair of stockings from one of the nurses to come home with. Our fatal case, in the 4th week, suddenly collapsed, temperature went down to 96° , respiration 6, pulse imperceptible at wrist, very unsatisfactory with stethoscope, eyes half shut, flies resting on them did not disturb him, glazed; lived a week after this and reacted under hypodermics of strychnine, brandy, &c., and hypodermoclysis of normal salines, nutrient and saline enemata, and a circle of heated stones placed around him; catheter regularly, became conscious, temperature rose up to $100\frac{3}{4}$, pulse weak but perceptible at wrist, could take nourishment, thought we were going to get him through but he went off suddenly on the 8th day; no symptoms of perforation, no hæmorrhage.

I took the post-graduate course in McGill last May, two or three more such courses would do me no harm.

Very sincerely yours,

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