

very much weakened from Sympathetic Irritation, the uninjured eye never becomes affected with Sympathetic Ophthalmia.

The following cases illustrate some of these points. They are arranged according to the length of time that intervened between the date of injury and the appearance of Sympathetic trouble in the uninjured eye. Light are cases of Sympathetic Ophthalmia, and three are cases of Sympathetic Irritation.

I.—SYMPATHETIC OPHTHALMIA

CASE 1.—Total blindness in three weeks after injury of one eye from Sympathetic Ophthalmia.

Peter John H., of Lastowell, aged 16. Four years ago last March he was hooked by an ox, the horn rupturing the eye-ball and a portion of the vitreous humour escaping. The wound healed, but remained irritable, and two weeks after the accident the uninjured eye became sympathetically affected, and one week later he was perfectly blind. I saw the case about two years after the accident, and found both eyes destroyed as organs of vision. He is now in the Institution for the blind at Brantford.

CASE 2.—Total blindness in six weeks from wound in one eye

Mrs. A. W. B., of Little Scotland, Co. Brant, had an injury in one eye in February last. Some boys were exploding a percussion cap, while she was looking on from a distance of six or eight feet. A piece struck the eye in the ciliary region. The sight of that eye soon became impaired and the eye painful. In five weeks she complained that the uninjured eye felt "weak," and by the end of the sixth week she was blind in both eyes. I saw her three weeks later, and found a cicatrix in the sclerotic just external to the margin of the cornea. The eye was irritable and the tension reduced. The pupil was closed and the perception of light reduced to a minimum. On examination of the uninjured eye I found the pupil closed with plastic exudation, but the inflammation had subsided. The quantitative perception of light was good. I recommended the immediate removal of the injured eye, and subsequently an artificial pupil operation on the other eye, but as the patient had a great dread of chloroform, she declined operative interference.

CASE 3.—Total blindness from Sympathetic Ophthalmia six weeks after injury of right eye.

Joseph H., aged 22, Delaware, Ont. The right eye was injured