

snap in the left groin, and subsequently observed a swelling, which occasioned him much pain and discomfort at the time; the inconvenience attending its presence wore off after some months, although the swelling never entirely disappeared. During this period he had frequently suffered from occasional discharges of purulent matter from the urethra, which were generally preceded by an enlargement and followed by a subsidence of the swelling, with a sense of relief of distress. He also experienced occasionally a sense of irritation about the neck of the bladder with difficulty of micturition, but not to such an extent as to occasion any suspicion of stricture of the urethra. During the early part of the past winter he complained frequently of cramps in the lower extremities, affecting principally the muscles of the left leg, and felt frequently very chilly with alternate "flashes of heat." He was also observed to become more irritable in his temper, and was the subject of occasional fits of waywardness and despondency; expressing himself as feeling wearied and less able to endure fatigue or exertion. His bowels were usually constipated and the small size of the fæces were the subject of remark to himself and wife. His appetite was capricious and he became rather more unsteady in his habits, drinking Gin with the assertion that it relieved much of his uneasiness. In the early part of March last his occupation required him to be much on his feet, standing frequently the whole day long. On the evening of the 12th he had indulged somewhat freely in company with some friends, but retired to rest at his usual hour without any additional complaint or suffering. On the morning of the 13th he rose at his usual time and dressed himself, but in stooping to pull on his boot he was seized with violent pain in the left foot, it was so intense as to render him quite faint, he staggered to a seat, and after a time was restored to consciousness by the use of stimulants. On attempting to walk however, supported by attendants, it was discovered that he had lost the use of his left leg, it was also observed that the toes and foot had become colourless, and that the extensor tendons were very rigid. Under the impression that he was suffering from an attack of rheumatism, warm and stimulant applications were applied, with some degree of relief of the pain and restoration of heat of the part. On the 14th a red spot was observed on the dorsum of the foot, the toes "withered away" and the foot and leg became gangrenous. After a few days the right foot also put on a gangrenous appearance—he suffered from occasional paroxysms of pain in both extremities—there was partial retention of urine, but he would occasionally void it in considerable quantities. Such is the history of the case I have been able to trace from the account given by his wife and other attendants; many of the particulars however not having been revealed until after his death.

On Sunday the 4th of April, I saw him for the first time. He was in the semi-erect posture in bed supported by pillows, with the body inclined to the left side, resting principally upon the left hip. His countenance extremely pale and expressive of great anxiety and distress, the latter being further evinced by groaning and sighing.