

ful and made no complaint until July, when he appeared to suffer unusually from heat and from the smell of newly painted rooms, though the family did not appear to suffer any inconvenience; seemed to droop and gradually become jaundiced; stomach and bowels somewhat deranged, and though his appetite was fair, he suffered much, particularly at night, with griping pains in the bowels and diarrhœa. He was able to move about and attend to his business, though manifesting many symptoms of biliary derangement, such as occasional costiveness followed by diarrhœa, pains in the region of the liver, jaundice, &c., up to Nov. 19, when I first visited him professionally. Complains of great uneasiness,³ pain and oppression over the whole surface of the abdomen, the integuments of which are particularly tense, but these symptoms are partially relieved by a motion of the bowels; stools clay-coloured, of the ordinary consistence, but extremely offensive, containing no traces whatever of bile; urine very dark, containing large quantities of bile, turning deep green on the addition of a few drops of nitric acid, and nearly black on the same being added in excess; appetite quite gone; the very smell of animal food when cooking disgusted him, and he is only able to partake of the lightest and most easily digested vegetable substances, such as stale bread, arrow-root, oat meal gruel, and sometimes a little milk thickened with rice or flour. The slightest departure from this severe dietetic regimen was followed by great pain, uneasiness and flatulence of the stomach and bowels, which continued until a motion took place; mind much depressed. Pulse 68, regular and full; respiration natural; tongue clean and moist; complains of some fever with thirst and head ache as night comes on, and is restless and uneasy; skin and conjunctiva of the eyes deeply jaundiced; suffers from constant itching; auscultation and percussion discovered nothing amiss in either heart or lungs, but below the right false ribs and over the epigastrium there appeared to be more dulness on percussion than is natural; has taken mercurials but without any relief, and was at this time taking a mercurial pill prescribed by Dr. Widmer when in Toronto in the early part of the month; ordered to continue the mercurial in increased doses, together with the nitro-chloric acid bath morning and evening; flannels wrung out of warm water and sprinkled with spirits Terebinthine were applied to the bowels when the uneasiness and pain became severe; these appeared to give him much relief and were followed by some hours of refreshing sleep.