

freely—no better—rash declining—to take pot. perman. gr. $\frac{1}{2}$ every four hours—continued for thirty-six hours, when all violent symptoms abated. May 1st syr. ferri. iodid, and tr. cinch. co. for a few days—recovered rapidly.

Bay Street, Toronto, C.W., May 1865.

NOTE.—In publishing the above important paper we cannot but state that the permanganate of potassa was recommended by our friend and fellow townsman, Dr. G. P. Girdwood, as an excellent lotion in foul ulcers, and also in malignant sore throat, as early as the year 1857. This may be found on reference to the second volume of the London *Lancet* for that year. The permanganate of potassa had before that period been introduced as a remedy in diabetes.—EDS.

Exanthematous Fever at Cacouna, By WILLIAM JAMES ANDERSON, M.D., Quebec.

On the 10th July last, I received from a friend at Cacouna, a telegram as under,—“Come down first opportunity, boy very poorly with sore throat—E.—Measles.” I went, and on arrival was informed that the children were somewhat better. I may here say that G. was a boy aged 14, B. a girl aged 11, and E. a little girl aged 3. The family reside in the vicinity of Quebec, but for several years past, have been in the habit of spending a few of the summer months at Cacouna. The family then at Cacouna, consisted of the parents, eight children, governess, four females, and a boy servant. When at home they spend much of their time in the open air, and have enjoyed a full average amount of health, though they have not escaped the epidemics to which children are prone, and with the exception of the two youngest, all had passed through the ordeal of measles and scarlet fever, and during the prevalence of mumps last autumn, all had very acute attacks of that disease.

On enquiry I found that Dr. Thomas, the resident practitioner, had been in attendance, and had at first pronounced the disease measles.

I first examined G. His countenance was that of one affected with mumps; the parotid glands were very much enlarged; skin very hot and dry; tongue coated with a thick dry brown crust; lips tumid, brown and dry; puffiness about the eyes; tonsils enlarged and ulcerated; breath very offensive; great thirst; urine scanty; severe diarrhoea; erythematous swelling of the left wrist and knee, with great tenderness to touch. I was told that in the morning the right ankle and wrist had been similarly affected, but they were now quite free from swelling or pain; there was