

well during the last two nights. Pain and swelling much abated, also improving in every other respect.

14th. Has had a good night, almost entire subsidence of swelling, is now able to elevate his hands above his head, and as to the mobility, may be considered almost well; tongue clean, pulse regular; urine now voided in normal quantity and clear, skin moist, bowels regular and perfect freedom of the heart's action. From this time he gradually improved, and on the eighth day from the attack was able to leave his room and walk about with ease and comfort. During the first attack in England he was confined to bed a period of four weeks, and suffered more or less from subacute symptoms for two or three weeks afterwards. Up to the present he has experienced no relapse, and enjoys all the comforts of health.

CASE II.—Joseph Bryant, æt. 22 years, native of England, and painter by trade; thin, pale, and not otherwise robust, still has enjoyed comparatively good health. About seven years previous to the present attack, he was an inmate of Middlesex Hospital, London, and was then pronounced as suffering from acute articular Rheumatism, which continued for a period of nearly three months. The present attack developed itself on the 7th August, 1861, first by tightness in the chest and pain over the lumbar region. August 8th, severe pain and swelling in the left wrist, on the 9th in the left knee, and during the 10th and 11th both legs were similarly affected, all attempts at walking being useless. August 13, 1861, was admitted into the General Protestant Hospital as a patient, at which date there was no moderate degree of suffering. Ordered—the body to be sponged; milk diet: and the following mixture.

R. Tinct. Fung. Laricis Canadensis. ̄j.
 Aquæ Puræ, ̄ij.
 Misce, Capiat cochl. amp. quaque tertia hora.

15th. Slept well last night, and feels the various painful joints much relieved, and improved as to the extension of movement and the reduction of the swelling. Bowels regular, tongue moist and gradually cleaning towards the centre; skin cool and perspiration moderate; urine voided in greater quantity and clearer than usual. To continue mixture every three hours during the day, and occasional fomentations of hops to be applied to the joints most painful. From this date he continued to improve rapidly, and on the 18th was entirely free from pain, and able to walk about his ward with comfort, experiencing at the same time increased appetite, and otherwise a return to a healthy condition as concerned general functional activity. Neither endocardial or exocardial murmur was detected throughout.

CASE III.—D. McDonald æt. 42 years, a stout able-bodied man, of short stature, swarthy complexion, and temperate habits. January, 4th, 1861. Having caught cold some days previously, was now seized with general feverishness and severe pain and swelling in the hands, wrists and elbow joints, also slight pain in the right ankle. His conjunctivæ were yellow, tongue coated, and the skin, rather dry; bowels not free. Urine scanty, high coloured and loaded with lithates; pulse 108, and regular. Heart sounds clear. Ordered the skin to be sponged with warm water, and R. Hydrarg. Chloridi, gr. v.