

Right and left the caissons drew,
As the car went lumbering through,
Quick succeeding in review
Squadrons military:
Sunburnt men with beards like frieze,
Smooth-faced boys, and cries like these—
“U.S. San. Com.,” “That’s the cheese!”
“Pass in, Sanitary!”

In such cheers it struggled on
Till the battle-front was won;
Then the car, its journey done,
Lo! was stationary;
And where bullets whistling fly,
Came the sadder, fainter cry:
“Help us, brothers, ere we die—
Save us, Sanitary!”

ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, TORONTO.

The November meeting of the Surgical Section of the Academy of Medicine was held on Tuesday, the 17th of November, 1914, with Dr. C. L. Starr in the chair.

After the reading of the minutes by the secretary, Dr. Herbert Hamilton presented a patient, aged 68, who, while walking leisurely along smoking a pipe, was knocked down by a dog in pursuit of a cat. He was unconscious for some time and bled very profusely from the mouth. It was observed that his pipe-stem was not to be seen, but nothing further was thought of it at the time. In falling he struck upon the right shoulder and side of the head. There was apparently no immediate loss of power in the arm, but in the course of a couple of weeks he complained of increasing weakness of the muscles about the shoulder, and it was this defect which caused him to consult Dr. Hamilton. Seeing an indefinite swelling in the neck he referred his patient to Dr. Geoffrey Boyd, who removed the pipe-stem from the neighborhood of the right tonsil. At that time there was a small area of epicritic and protopathic loss over the anterior part of the shoulder and paralysis of the supra and infraspinati, deltoid, biceps and brachialis anticus. The diagnosis, he thought, was Erb’s paralysis, due to stretching of the 5th root at the time of the accident.

In discussing the case, Dr. George Wilson pointed out that the onset of the paralysis was hard to explain on the theory of stretching. The patient complained of increasing weakness of the arm, which supported