

## Dr. Lamson.

produce twenty to thirty minutes' half unconsciousness, and then rising, would continue the remainder of the day and evening in the state of mental absence and physical presence I have mentioned. When alone (and I always sought solitude for the greater part of the time, the presence of others in a measure interfering with the portentous and vast work the diseased brain was doing), I took neither breakfast nor lunch; but the only meal in the twenty-four hours was a late dinner, with a very little wine or beer. Whether all this was the result of morphia on the brain, always easily disturbed (delirium in the slightest illness, &c.) from early years, or the effect of atropia, the effect of which I was fully and often painfully conscious of in the dryness of the throat, rendering swallowing almost impossible, and great impairment of sight from the dilated pupils, or the combination of all, I cannot say. I know these vague general outlines of the past are the results of something, and I can dimly distinguish certain acts and doings; but there were many things I did and said which were afterwards told me that I knew and know nothing whatever, to my own recollection. I am firmly of the belief, vague, strange sensations existing even now, that it might be of some service were a scientific and pathological post-mortem held after my death. My relatives would probably not raise any objections to this.