

similar complaints—from Perry Davis' liniment to a saturated tincture of capsicums, but with, as you can well imagine, only momentary relief. He soon discovered that with the pains he had difficulty in walking, which of late has been termed *Asynergia*, or loss of Co-ordination of the muscular movements of the lower limbs, and is a pathognomonic sign, I may mention *en passant* of this disease. The pains and difficulty of walking, not amounting to paralysis of the lower extremities, but a staggering as it were continued more or less for near a twelve month, but never entirely left him altogether, when on the evening of the 12th March, 1870, while holding a step-ladder, for one of his sons to get up on to do some thing to the cornice in the drawing-room, he suddenly exclaimed that he saw everything double, and was afraid, (the pain in his legs being so severe, making him quite weak,) he would fall down, that he was assisted to the sofa, and his wife gave him a glass of strong brandy and water. After a short time, she finding him a little stronger, persuaded him to go to bed, he passed a pretty good night, but as the diplopia still continued, next morning I was sent for. On my arrival I found him up and dressed, lying on a sofa, he still saw everything double, his pulse was small and weak, but his mind was clear, his memory good, and the pains in the legs he described as severe, but not as intense as they had been the evening previous. This state of affairs continued for five or six days, when *one* of the visions, if I may so term it, began to be less distinct than the other, and the next day, that is about 24 hours after the *one sight or vision* appeared less distinct, whatever he looked at as well as being doubled, seemed to be going rapidly up and down, that is from the floor to the ceiling of the room, and from the ceiling to the floor. This peculiarity only lasted about 48 hours, and before the end of the week *his sight* had returned to its natural condition, and he saw as well as ever he had done, but the pains in the legs continued as severe as ever, and he tottered a good deal in walking, and was quite unable to go up or down stairs.

On closely questioning his wife, I discovered she had once or twice during the first days of his attack, noticed he had had squinting, but only for a moment or so, just sufficient for her to have observe it, but she thought nothing of it till I had closely asked her about it.

The treatment that I adopted was a combination of Iodide and Bromide of Potassium. But looking upon the case as one of Locomotor Ataxy, and of a serious character, I suggested the propriety of a consultation, and on the 31st March, Dr. G. W. Campbell, saw him with me. Dr. C. took the same view of the case as