

completely did it (the tumour) fill this cavity, that I found it impracticable to do so.

Having therefore got her under the influence of chloroform, I commenced my first incision below the inner canthus of the right eye, continued it down the cheek along the margin of the nose, and thus laying open the nostril, the tumour was more thoroughly exposed, and dissected from its attachments, but allowed to remain in the posterior naris until the completion of the operation, to prevent the flow of blood in that direction. It was now found what had been previously suspected, that a portion of the superior maxillary bone was diseased, and to facilitate the removal of the diseased portion, it was found necessary to complete the section of the upper lip, which was done near the mesial line, connecting this incision with the first by a transverse one. The soft parts having been reflected from the bone, it was found necessary to remove the palatine plate of the superior maxillary bone, and a portion of the wall of the antrum. This was effected chiefly with a small gouge which was found very convenient and very efficient. The diseased parts being all apparently taken away, the margins of the wound were brought together by a few points of suture, the intervening spaces being supported by collodion. Very little blood was lost during the operation. The labial artery was tied when first divided.

Union having taken place throughout the external wound, the sutures were removed on Tuesday the 23rd, except the one at the margin of the lip which was allowed to remain another day.

The case progressed favorably until the 4th of May, on which day, just a fortnight after the performance of the operation, the patient being desirous of returning home, was permitted to leave the Hospital. The cicatrix along the line of incisions was firm. The pustule on the cornea, as well as the conjunctival inflammation had disappeared under appropriate treatment, so that she was not only very much improved in appearance, but was also highly delighted as she stated, "in the great facility she now enjoys in both breathing and speaking," the latter no doubt a great boon to a female.

This patient's case proves that we have some arrant quacks who attempt to practise Surgery as well as physic, in Western Canada, as she informed me that a person in the neighbourhood of Hamilton, styling himself a doctor, shaved the hair off the back of her head, and applied a plaster there, which he assured her "would draw the tumour out of her nose."

I have this day received a note from Dr. Morden, stating that the operation was completely successful, and no return of the disease.

Kingston, 18th November, 1861.