

For a week afterwards the daily discharge averaged half-a-pint of pus. The washing process and the use of the carbolic acid mixture afterwards were repeated daily. At the end of this week there was a return of the nausea, vomiting, and general constitutional disturbance: consequently extra care was used in the washing, and it was found that there had been a retention in some remote recess of the ploural cavity of a quantity of the decayed, shreddy fibrin. By changing the position of the patient, making him lie down while the water ran into the cavity, and rise up as the fluid ran out, and by succussion of the patient, this foul matter was entirely removed.

By a pursuance of this plan, no difficulty was afterwards experienced throughout the whole course of the protracted treatment in keeping the cavity perfectly clean, and the discharge, therefore, perfectly odorless.

May 30th. Is now able to rise, and move about the room. The daily discharge is about three ounces. The washing carefully repeated each day.

June 10th. Daily discharge about one ounce. Patient eats and sleeps well, is able to drive out, and to take moderate exercise.

For a few days the cavity was washed out first by equal parts of Tinct. Iodini Comp. and water and afterwards by the carbolic acid mixture, but as no benefit seemed to result the Iodine was discontinued.

On one occasion when Dr. Bethune was called in to advise whether it would not be well to try some means to diminish the amount of the secretion, equal parts of carbolic acid and glycerine, about four ounces, were injected, allowed to remain a few minutes and then withdrawn. This was at 12 o'clock noon. Half an hour after tingling of the fingers and toes set in followed by drowsiness. He slept all the afternoon, but on being roused, he took his tea and went out to walk on the street. Returning he slept all the evening. About 1 P M. the fluid was drawn off the second time as it had been for some time previously—afterwards vomiting and severe palpitation set in which persisted all night. The next morning he had recovered very nearly from the bad symptoms but recollected nothing whatever of taking his tea, or walking out, or indeed of anything which had occurred. In September, 1869, the patient left Toronto.