

such cases should be sought, and suggested that the gentleman, Dr. Aikins, who had had charge of the case in 1876 should be consulted. My advice was followed, and the patient brought back a very unfavourable prognosis. So far as treatment was concerned, there was not the smallest suggestion thrown out. I inferred that the doctor did not look upon treatment as being of any service, further than the treatment of symptoms for the relief of the patient, as they occurred. Fl. Ext. Rhei and Taraxaci were prescribed to counteract the constipation, and a cinchona bark tonic, with a little Spt. Amm. Arom., for the purpose of helping to raise the gas from the stomach.

*Dec. 10th.*—Little or no change in the condition of the patient.

*Dec. 24th.*—Acute persistent pain in the upper hepatic region, with repeated rigors, followed by heat and perspiration; obstinate constipation of the bowels; pulse 125; temperature  $103\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ . Calomel, opium and quinine, with counter irritation, followed by warm cataplasms over the seat of pain, were prescribed.

From this time until the beginning of January the patient had repeated attacks of rigors, and the pain, though not so acute as on the 24th, was very severe, the pulse varying between 105 and 120, and the temperature between  $100^{\circ}$  and  $103^{\circ}$ . Specific gravity of urine, which was scant and high-coloured, was 1010. It gave considerable bile-pigment reaction.

*Jan. 4th.*—No rigors; great tenderness over the liver; the dullness in the lung has pushed its way up in the axilla and close to the spine about an inch and a half further than it was previous to the attack of December 24th; spleen increasing in size rapidly; dyspnoea more marked; some oedema of the feet; and great unrest, the patient not being able to assume any other than the sitting posture. The same medicines were again prescribed that were used before the attack of the 24th ult., sulphuric ether taking the place of the spt. amm. arom. Urine 1008.

*Jan. 27th.*—Up to this time there has been no change, except increased emaciation, with general aggravation of all the features of the case. I now fancy I detect some slight tubercular indications in the upper part of the right lung. On enquiry I find that several of his relations have died of phthisis. I add stimulants to the other treatment.