

and quickly, and was conscious of a feeling of exhilaration and excitement all over me. My heart seemed to beat faster, and I felt myself growing hot, especially in the face. Next my legs seemed to go around in a circular motion, and the sensation would spread through my whole body, although at no time did I feel in the least dizzy. At this stage, the dressing began and I could feel water being poured upon my fingers and always knew whether it was hot or cold. The bandages often seemed to stick on being removed but there was no pain. Sometimes when they seemed to be probing or cutting there was a pricking sensation. Dr. Cleland at this period would usually ask if it hurt, and my answer was either "a little" or "not yet". If I said "a little", more of the analgesic seemed to be administered, for at this point I usually went completely under its influence, and neither felt the dressing or knew in any way what was going on; although as a rule if one of the doctors spoke to the other, I heard it and made some comment, almost always remembering afterwards what had been said.

"The effect of coming out of this anæsthetic, I can compare to being awakened suddenly from sleep. I do not know how it appeared to onlookers, but I felt as if I regained consciousness instantly. I could at once see, feel, and hear in a perfectly natural manner, and my brain was quite clear. There was one marked peculiarity. For several minutes after becoming conscious, I talked steadily in a slow disjointed way, pronouncing every syllable separately; and I voiced any and every idea that came into my head, exactly as a child does. In fact I seemed to be on the intellectual level of a child of about ten years old, and I must have caused much amusement. I was quite aware of all this at the time but seemed powerless to do otherwise. I sometimes felt a slight oppression in breathing, due to the odour lingering in the room, and would ask the windows to be raised; but there was absolutely no discomfort in any way recovering consciousness, rather a feeling of pleasurable stimulation.

"Several times when only a little was given me, I felt the same sensation which I have described—rapid breathing, accelerated heart action, heat, and excitement, but there the effect stopped, and I remained conscious throughout the dressing, feeling quite normal, neither childish nor talkative, but having absolutely no pain."

Careful concentration and extraction of gases from this analgesia product showed the presence of a gas with similar properties to that of ethylene ($\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2$) (and another gas as yet not syn-