

Hospital Reports.

MEDICAL AND SURGICAL CASES OCCURRING IN THE PRACTICE OF THE
MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL.

*Dislocation and Fracture of Metatarsal Bones of both feet—
Immediate application of Plaster-of-Paris bandages—
Excellent result. (Under the care of Dr. F. J. SHEPHERD.)*

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E. Le J., aged 22, bricklayer, admitted 25th June, 1886, suffering from injuries to both feet. The same morning, whilst working on a scaffold, patient struck the roof of the house with a board which he was carrying, throwing him a little backwards; this caused him to step off the scaffolding, and he fell, alighting on his toes upon a heap of stones and dirt, a distance of 20 feet. Upon examination, the following was the condition of the feet:

Left Foot—Large painful swelling extending from external and internal malleoli behind, forwards to the metatarso-phalangeal articulations. Plantar arch not well marked, foot being rather flat. Slight foreshortening. Find the 1st, 3rd and 4th metatarsal bones dislocated upwards, backwards and inwards, the bases being distinctly felt beneath the skin, their prominence being obscured by the great swelling present.

Right Foot—Dorsum swollen moderately, and to same extent as left foot. Plantar arch lost; 2nd, 3rd and 4th metatarsal bones dislocated upwards, backwards and inwards, the bases being easily felt beneath the skin. Crepitus felt over the dislocated metatarsal bones of both feet.

Under ether, the dislocations were easily reduced, the fragments kept in position by pressure with absorbent cotton, and both feet put up in plaster-of-paris bandages.

Next day there was considerable pain and swelling of both feet, though the circulation and sensation was good, therefore a strip a quarter of an inch wide was removed from median line of both splints, which were then kept in position by bandages.

The progress of the case from this day until two weeks after exit (17th July), when patient returned to report himself, and on examination, has no pain or tenderness in feet; walks quite naturally.