

lowed. No attempt was made at removal. The patient is now, three and a half years after the accident, carrying on a successful business in a neighboring town.

*Fractures.*—The list comprises the following :—fractures of the zygoma, inferior maxilla, skull, radius, ulna, metacarpals, fingers, humerus, clavicle, coracoid, ribs, femur, patella, tibia, fibula and metatarsals.

From my limited observations the following conclusions are drawn, first, that fractures of the metacarpals and metatarsals and of the lower end of the radius and the ulna are the most frequently overlooked, and, secondly, that no absolute rule can be laid down with regard to the line of fracture, even when the casual factors are similar and seat of fracture the same.

P. S. J., aged 34, examined Oct. 7th, 1898, farm laborer. Three months previously, when harvesting grain, the load upset, throwing him down an embankment a distance of 20 feet. Diagnosis—"severe sprain of instep." The foot is still swollen and passive movements of the toes are difficult and painful. Examination by the ray shows a fracture of the second metatarsal bone with incomplete adaptation and excessive callus formation. The significance of the popular expression "a bad sprain is worse than a break" is apparent.

With regard to the line of fracture, generally speaking, fractures of the long bones about the middle of the shaft were transverse, while those at either extremity were more or less oblique. The Colles' cases were exceptions. In all but four of these the line of fracture was transverse, in these it was transverse and longitudinal. The styloid process of the ulna was fractured in 28 per cent. of my Colles' cases.

*Dislocations.*—The list is somewhat limited and comprises only dislocations of the shoulder, elbow, thumb, patella and wrist. The only one of especial interest occurred in the practice of the late Dr. Christie, of Seeley's Bay. The patient gave a history of having fallen from a high vehicle. When first examined, some hours after the accident, the wrist was greatly swollen and a provisional diagnosis of Colles' fracture was