

9 p.m.—Dr. Howard, being in the house to see Maple, saw Mrs. W.; examined lungs and heart, and confirmed the opinion given by me at two, p.m., visit; examined throat and coincided with Dr. Kennedy and myself, that it was doing well. Her condition was certainly much better than it was in the morning. So, after consultation, we came to the conclusion that all was doing well. Dr. Kennedy remained all night.

January 14.—At seven this morning, Dr. Kennedy came to me on his way home, and said that he did not at all like her condition. She had been very restless, and complaining of colicky pains in the bowels; and that the jaundice had increased; while the pulse had been falling rapidly, till it stood at 78. I immediately went up, and found a very great change from the previous evening; face very livid; lips blue; eyes sunk; tongue and fauces deep livid color, while tongue was sensibly cold to the touch; with all this there was a fair temperature even of the extremities.

10 a.m.—Dr. Howard met Dr. Kennedy and myself. He at once saw the change from the previous evening, and we came to the conclusion that the poison was acting on the heart and lungs, and that her condition was most serious. Gave special instructions to the nurse with regard to giving nourishment and stimulants frequently, and placed her upon the following mixture: $\mathcal{R}$ quin. sulph. gr. xxxii, acid sulph. arom. 3 ss, tr. nux vom. 3 iiss, inf. digitalis $\mathfrak{z}$ ii, aqua ad viii. A tablespoonful every three hours. To wash out her mouth with warm water.

12 m.—No change apparent, save that the extremities are somewhat warmer, and the pulse has risen to 84, but is very small.

2 p.m.—Has become convinced that her baby is dead, and the event has visibly affected her, as fulfilling a dream, which I will shortly allude to. Is very restless; pulse 84, and irregular in rhythm. Other symptoms as before. Asked whether she would recover, and when told that everything depended how she kept up her spirits and took nourishment; she replied that she would take anything we gave her.

4 p.m.—When Dr. Kennedy and myself entered the room we were struck with the change which had taken place. Patient's countenance altered in appearance; eyes deeply sunk in head, and face very livid; lips almost black; congestion has now extended over the fingers, and embraces the hands; tongue black, even where the coating had disappeared, and cold. Skin is covered with perspiration, which is warm. Respirations are shallow, every eighth or

tenth respiratory act being deep and prolonged, and are 32 per minute. Heart sounds are fairly clear and distinct; if any change, it is in the first sound being slightly softer than natural. Pulse still 84, but irregular about every six beats. There was now no question whatever in my mind that my patient's hours were numbered. Dr. Howard was to return at 9 p.m., but I feared she might not last till then; so leaving Dr. Kennedy in charge, I went to get him, which I did after his lecture, and he returned with me. The result of the consultation was the conclusion that all our efforts had been futile, and that a very few hours would close the scene. We, however, determined to continue nourishment and medicine. From this time, till after eight o'clock, patient was very restless, flinging her arms constantly about her. At a quarter to nine she swallowed some brandy and water, and spoke to the nurse. A few minutes after she was seized with a severe convulsion, which the nurse tells me did not last more than two or three minutes, and in it she died. Thus was a mother and two children cut off in the brief space of one week. I have alluded a few moments ago to the fulfillment of a dream, and the facts are really such that I cannot forbear mentioning them. On Monday morning, the 4th of January, Mrs. Warren awoke herself crying, and at once informed her husband that she had dreamt that two small coffins were being carried out of her house, and that he was walking behind as chief mourner. On the Tuesday, when I saw her little boy for the first time, she told me of it, but I laughed at it. Subsequent events proved its terrible reality.

It becomes an interesting question, as to how diphtheria reached this family, as there was complete non-intercourse between the house in the terrace where the disease first made its appearance. My own idea is that it came to them in the following way. So nervous was the father of this family to have his house thoroughly healthy, that he, towards the end of December, employed a plumber, who connected with the soil pipe in the closet a pipe which he inserted into the chimney, so as to convey away any noxious gas. While this was being done for a portion of a day, the soil pipe was open, and free entrance was afforded to the miasm; for this soil pipe communicated with the drain into which the excrement and expectorated matter of the first three cases was emptied.

Again it is said, that the cook and the housemaid, who are sisters, and whose family reside at Point St. Charles, lost two young members of their family from diphtheria. It is true that two young children