

and occasional shooting pains across the upper part of the chest, and had he not stated that he "fancied if he were to sleep he would die, as he felt a suffocating sensation in the throat and chest when about to doze."

These symptoms naturally led me to make a closer examination of the heart. I detected nothing abnormal with the exception that its contractions were unusually loud upwards and towards its base, more particularly in a line to the right across the upper portion of the sternum. The respiratory murmur might be heard in front and to the left of the organ. The pulse in the right arm was natural though feeble, that in the left could not be felt at all.

From the subsequent history of this case I presume that the absence of arterial pulse in the left arm existed for some time, and I fear must have been overlooked by my not adopting the ordinary wise routine of feeling both pulses.

I ordered him to take *pil. saponis e opio gr. v* at night and to continue the Port wine.

Dec. 2. He did not sleep last night.

3rd. He passed another restless night and complained much of the suffocating sensation in the throat,—ordered to take *morph. hydrochl. gr. i.* at 8 p. m., and again at midnight if sleep did not supervene.

Dec. 4. He slept a little last night.—He seems depressed and low-spirited.—To take a draught of *liq. opii sedat. spirit. æth. sulph. co* with camphor mixture every 4th hour.

Dec. 5. He has had 6 to 8 hours sleep during the last evening.—He seems cheerful and says he is much refreshed.

Staff Assist. Surg. Dr. Barrett kindly accompanied me to make another examination of the chest. On percussing the left mammary region we elicited the clear natural sound. Dr. Barrett too considered that the heart's action was preternaturally audible to the right and behind the sternum, but in other respects he believed the heart to be healthy.—We carefully examined the principal arteries, viz:—the carotids on either side, the subclavian, axillary, radial and external iliac arteries.—We found the arterial power of the left side of the system unequal to that of the right: and the inequality was chiefly manifest in the left carotid and left radial arteries;—indeed the pulsation in the latter vessel had until this day been absent, and now was scarcely appreciable. We were induced, in the absence of any ascertainable cardiac disease to refer his symptoms to an aneurism or other tumour in the neighborhood of the arch of the aorta. (Dr. Douglass, 26th Cameronians, who examined the chest in the afternoon, concurred in the opinion.) We directed him to continue the sedative draught at night, if necessary, and to take a larger allowance of Port wine.