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Original Communications.

Intubation.

(The nature of the disease necessitating which, at the time of operation, being undetermined, the operator was inoculated, and suffered sensory paralysis.)

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AT two o'clock on Dominion Day I was urgently called to intubate a girl ten years old, because of impeded respiration which imminently threatened life, the cause of which at the time was not fully determined and which, owing to the extremity of the patient, there was no time for enquiry.

I was told by the medical attendant who had first seen her at nine o'clock the same morning that she had in a few hours become dyspnoëic and unconscious. Her breathing was difficult, noisy, rapid and shallow; the face pale and expressionless. My ear was hurriedly placed on the chest before and behind, and I found that air was imperfectly entering the lungs. There was also absence of dulness on percussion. Intubation was at once readily done, which relieved the breathing, so that in about