

The following winter (a year and a half ago) the pain ceased and the lumps broke, three healing up and leaving pits in the skull; the other two kept running till March last, when they stopped for seven or eight weeks; and, on the re-opening of one of them, he came into Hospital.

At the same period (18 months ago) he first felt the soreness in the neck; and, although he had it but in the left side, yet his head was drawn straight backwards so greatly, that for six or seven weeks he was unable to see his feet in any position. After this his neck became so very weak that his head always fell on his left shoulder, if unsupported. Liniments now applied were without benefit. It grew worse daily for a month, and then began slowly to gain strength till last fall, when he first felt stiffness in it, which has steadily increased up to the present, and been constantly accompanied by pain.

His strength has throughout been undiminished, and his appetite good. He has always sweated more than usual whilst at work, and since his illness he perspires greatly at night; and, although now getting profuse, he thinks the sweating does not debilitate him.

Since his admittance the sore on his head has spread in circumference, but has improved very much in appearance under the various ointments containing "Hydrargyrum" which have been applied. His neck has been but slightly relieved by the numerous cuppings, blisters, hot fomentations, &c., ordered for him since his entrance.

About a month ago (Chloroform being administered) an unsuccessful attempt was made to move the neck: it seemed permanently fixed.

For the last six or eight weeks he had felt an occasional cramp in his neck and back, but on the 6th of August he was seized with them constantly for an hour. They commenced on each side of the spine, extending upwards from the kidneys to the occiput, there ending to give place to others following in quick succession. Dover's powders were prescribed afterwards with advantage. He was then ordered Cod Liver Oil internally.

Aug. 18th. An ointment, composed of the strong mercurial and compound iodine ointment mixed, was next directed to be rubbed to the neck. It did not, however, affect his gums till the fourth day; as soon as it did so, it seemed to act like magic, nearly all the pain leaving him in a few hours. He now feels better than he has for years, and is able to move about with comfort. The stiffness, nevertheless, remains as before.

Oct. . Up to this period the change has been slowly and gradually for the better. He was discharged to-day, with his general health greatly improved. Anchylosis permanent, but without the usual pain in the neck, and the sore on his head gradually healing up.