

upon the limb, which is most probably due to the effusion into the joint softening and putting on the stretch the crucial and internal lateral ligaments, so that the femur and tibia, not being kept in firm apposition, both bend inward at the knee; at the same time the patella is pushed to the outer side of the joint where it can be raised slightly from its position, by pressing the fingers under it.

With the intention of producing absorption, the following prescription was ordered; R. Tinct. Hyoseyam. m xv, Potas. Iod. gr. v, ter in die; and the part to be painted with Tincture of Iodine.

December 7. Swelling diminished and less tense, the patella being much more moveable than previously. The measurement over the patella is now only fifteen and a half inches.

February 1st. The patient to day passed into the hands of Dr. Craik, who succeeded Dr. McCallum as attending physician. The accumulation of fluid in the joint does not appear to be diminishing.

March 4.—To-day the swelling was tapped, and rather more than half a pint of fluid drawn off. Two drachms of the Dublin Tincture of Iodine, with a scruple of Iodide of Potassium dissolved in it, and diluted with two drachms of water, was injected into the joint. But little inflammation was the result; the urine gave good evidence of its absorption. In two weeks the dropsy had entirely left the joint, but it was still the seat of great weakness, there being evident relaxation of the ligaments. It was put up in Scott's dressing several times without any beneficial result, and on the 27th of May he left the Hospital. Since then he has been readmitted, and is now in the Hospital under Dr. Craik's care, suffering from weakness and enlargement of the joint. A consultation was held on the 8th March, at which it was decided to perform re-section of the joint. The patient, however, drew back, after he had reached the operating theatre, and would not submit. He is still in hospital, and it is probable the operation will, at his own request, be performed before many weeks.

*Phthisis, with Intercurrent Pneumonia.* Reported by Mr. G. S. DE BONALD

Ann Kavanagh, æt. 30, a native of Ireland, was admitted into the Montrea General Hospital under Dr. D. C. McCallum on the 28th of January, 1862, labouring under an attack of intercurrent pneumonia. Her parents were healthy; has one sister and four brothers living, all healthy, and very robust. Previous to the present sickness she was strong and healthy. Has been employed as a thorough servant, and subjected to very hard work. A year ago last fall she got her feet wet, the consequence being a severe cold. It gradually got worse, but no attention was paid to it, till the month of March, 1861, when the cough becoming so troublesome she was obliged to give up her situation. She entered Hospital under the care of Dr. Scott, and after three weeks' treatment left somewhat relieved. She returned to her place, but her strength being unable to carry her through her duties, she soon after left, since which time she remained with her friends, until her admission into Hospital. During this period she suffered from incessant cough, with viscid yellowish sputa, and from profuse night sweats.