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My dear
Brother
Martin

Dear brother. The
previous day which had
been a very ^{pleasant} one
I started to feel fluctuating
and at length Mr Bellamy
crossed made up his mind
that if it was to be for
a single sentence that ^{he} having
been so long as he found ~~it~~ before
he was thus deciding the ~~shape~~
of the ~~sheet~~ beneath
with ~~hand~~ ~~stamping~~ matter
it was ~~prominent~~ ~~so~~ ~~far~~ ~~as~~ ~~the~~
it was ~~impossible~~ ~~for~~
with a ~~specialised~~ ~~factor~~
I know that the
of the stomach of those
and various brands of soda
the ~~made~~ ~~back~~ ~~any~~
as ~~physical~~ ~~direction~~
that ~~was~~ ~~my~~ ~~hand~~ ~~suffer~~
the ~~was~~ ~~but~~ ~~it~~ ~~will~~
please ~~take~~ ~~care~~
of ~~the~~ ~~side~~. ~~Some~~ ~~quantity~~
of ~~the~~ ~~very~~ ~~poor~~ ~~ice~~
had ~~looked~~ ~~healthy~~
by ~~the~~ ~~poor~~ ~~ice~~ ~~was~~
the ~~action~~ ~~was~~ ~~used~~ ~~to~~
with ~~applied~~ ~~on~~ ~~but~~
in ~~the~~ ~~side~~ the
of ~~the~~ ~~cardiac~~ ~~at~~ ~~other~~
of ~~the~~ ~~stomach~~ ~~has~~ ~~had~~
of ~~the~~ ~~stomach~~ ~~was~~ ~~small~~
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in a foul atmosphere in ^a dissecting
room may give rise to become as a
warning ^{to} others, when they find
similar symptoms developing ~~the~~
~~the~~ either in themselves, or their patients.
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in the dissecting room for 10 months con-
tinuously for 6 hours a day during 6
months of that time + 3 to 4 hours a day
during the remainder. That proved to
be too long without a holiday; for in
August, while in Germany, I felt
far from well. I had certainly plenty
of fresh air having the banks of the
Rhine as my locality and had
little or nothing to do except to learn German.
However during that month (August) other
work I was scarcely well a day, not laid
up far from it for I walked on an
average 10 or 12 miles a day; but

The subject ^{has} been brought up here
 this evening ^{meeting} ~~the subject of this essay~~ is a case
 of blood poisoning developing as an
 axillary abscess & followed by general
 of *Serratia magnus*.

I need scarcely tell any one here
 present that the train of symptoms from
 about to relate happened in myself.

I do not mean to probe the abscess
 at once; but to give first a short account
 of my state of health from July 1874
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I felt over tired & wearied after exertion
 I had rheumatic pains flying about me
 continually; never slept well & felt little
 refreshed when I got up in the morning
 Another beautiful thing was that much
 as I was exposed to the sun I never got
 sun burnt but waxed paler & looked
 worse every day. The end of Septauale
 approaching the 1st of October drew me
 back to London for the opening of the session
 I was told how ill I was looking but
 I thought that was more owing to the
 effect of a rough passage across the
 channel ~~than~~ & expected I should soon get
 over that. We were I am sorry to say
 now, although I rejoiced in it then
 well supplied with lodges. We had
 by the 1st of November there a four ^{being divided} lodges
 that is too many to have going in at
 the same time in our small dining
 rooms; and to make things worse the
 last subject we had died of an an-
 gryema. It will be fresh in the minds
 of many here - the opening the thorax
 of that body - or also how large a
 number of us were laid up ^{from it} some
 with one thing some another sore
throat & diarrhea prevailing. My
 relation to this ~~subject~~ ^{subject} ~~was~~ ^{was} not
 improved when having obtained a volun-
 tee Mr Whitehead ^{had} ~~was~~ ^{carried} the body
 to the trough where it was washed out by
 letting the water from the tap run over

when I got back



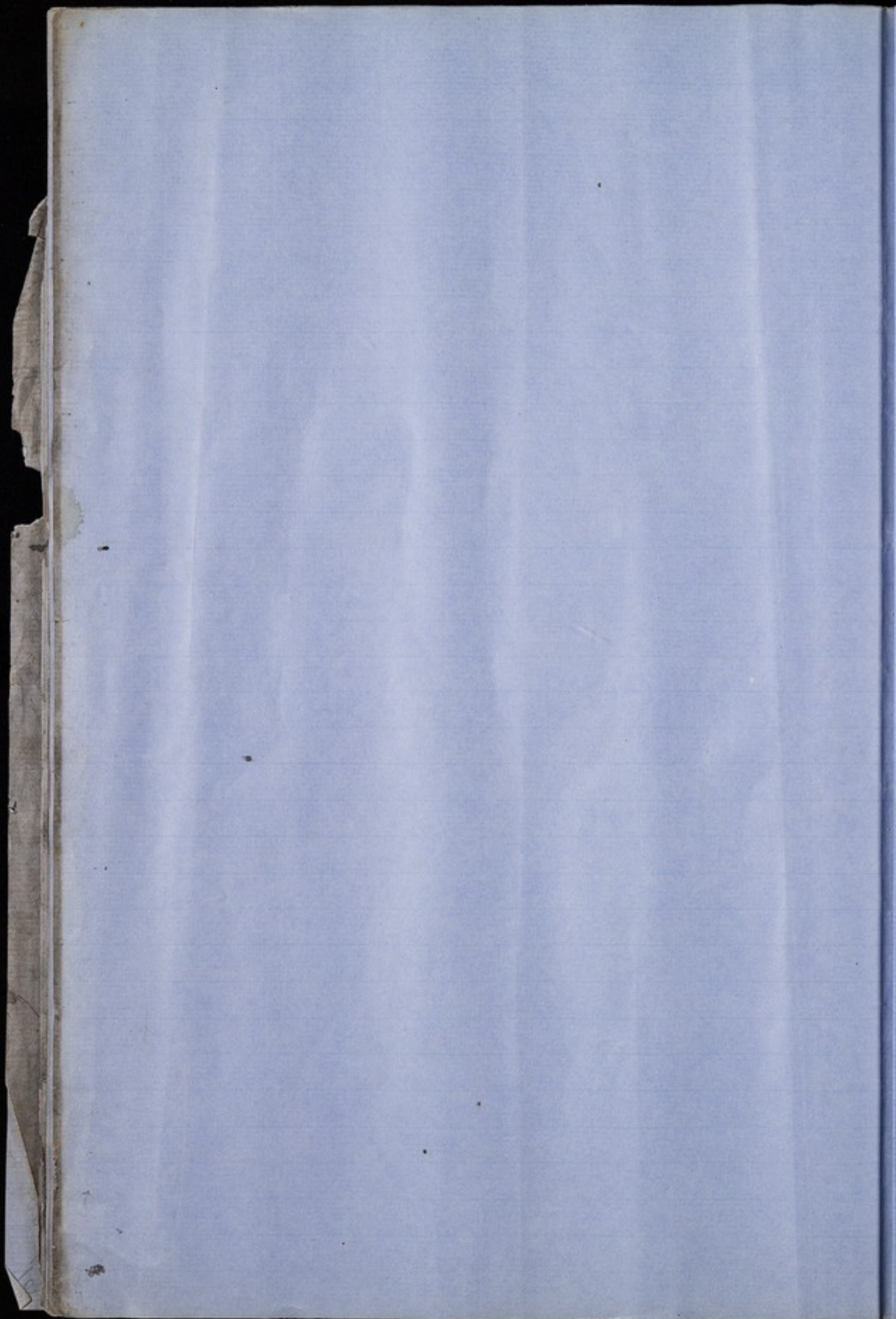
I hope no one will imagine I blame these
 circumstances for my subsequent fever.
 All I mention this for is to show you why
 it was I took fever and then fell
 off with sore throat & diarrhoea. My
 strength & health had been unimpaired
 by long continuance in the dissecting
 room unregenerated by even a two
 months stay abroad & again ^{my strength} diminished
 by the ~~remaining~~ returning to the dis-
 secting room the crisis brought about
 by this body with the erysipela.
 What others were able to throw off by
 diarrhoea struck my system ~~and~~
 as it impoverished as it was by previous
~~to~~ ~~exhaustion~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~system~~ ~~as~~ ~~my~~ ~~strength~~.
 On the 27th of November the day after
 washing out this body thorax, I could
 not take my breakfast. Mr. C. ^{Mr. C. could} ^{not} ^{take}
 breakfast with me that morning
 perhaps may remember my saying
 there was something very far wrong with
 me when I could not take breakfast.
 I managed to walk down to the Hospital
 from Gray's Inn Lane that I would not
 be able to work that day & with diffi-
 culty walked home again. I went
 to bed hoping to be better next day
 but next day brought no strength
 still less appetite. A blue pill & black
 draught did their duty but did not cure
 me, and in a day or two began to
 develop all the symptoms of typhoid
 fever.

who attended me & came to see me twice
daily & to ^{assist} ~~take~~ care & skill I recovered
so easily

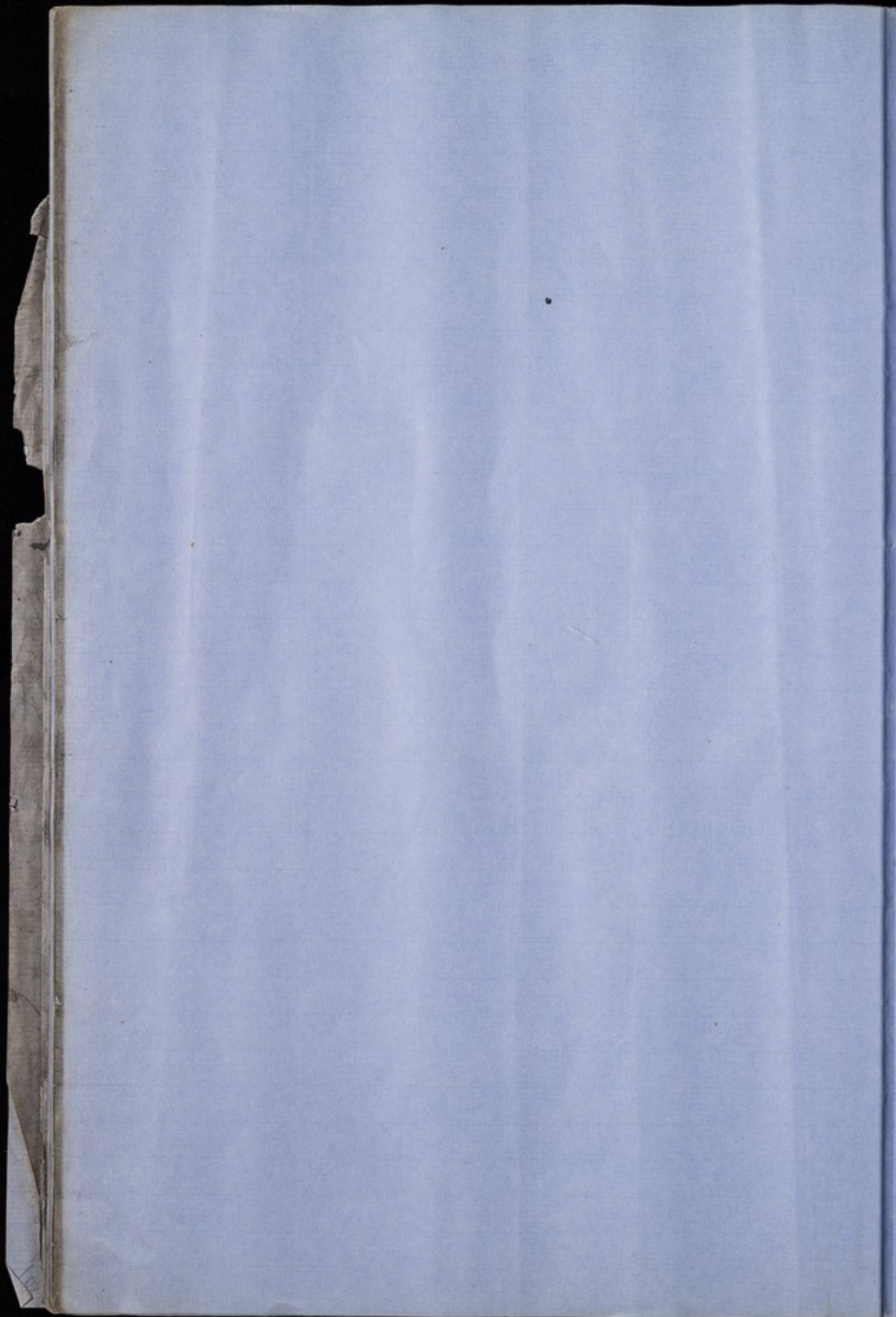
I have nothing new ~~about~~ typhoid
 to tell you about typhoid. Mine was
 a simple case with no ^{after} complication.
 Instead, ^{however} of the usual head-ache, stools
~~I~~ had ~~most~~ persistent constipation
 during the whole time relieved to only
 by enemas. Then again it was not
 considered necessary to give me stimu-
 lants. My nurse, ^{a St. John's nurse whose training in this hospital} whose experience was
 large or varied had never before either in
 Hospital or in private nursing seen
 a case of typhoid treated without stimu-
 lants. I am sure it ~~will~~ do better good and
 I am sure it would do all other nurses
 good & perhaps silence the grumbling
 amongst residents were they to see a
 few successful cases of typhoid treated
 without stimulants. Now that it is
 known how ^{infinite small is the quantity of} much alcohol ~~can be~~
 absorbed by the system & that Physicians
 are adopting this physiological fact
 in their practice; they will ^{still} however
 have to ~~first~~ fight the unscientific for
 some time - before they can prove better
 that 24oz brandy is or may be
 better, in many conditions, either in
 this world or the next. After 24oz of
 brandy daily it is invariably the next
 they go to. My temperature chart I have
 got with me perhaps Dr. Brewer will
~~see a few words~~ favor us with ^{what} ~~any~~ ^{may}
~~be that~~ he may have patterned from
 my case

who attended
 his treatment
 please base
 price, date,
 to whose care
 & when received
 so early

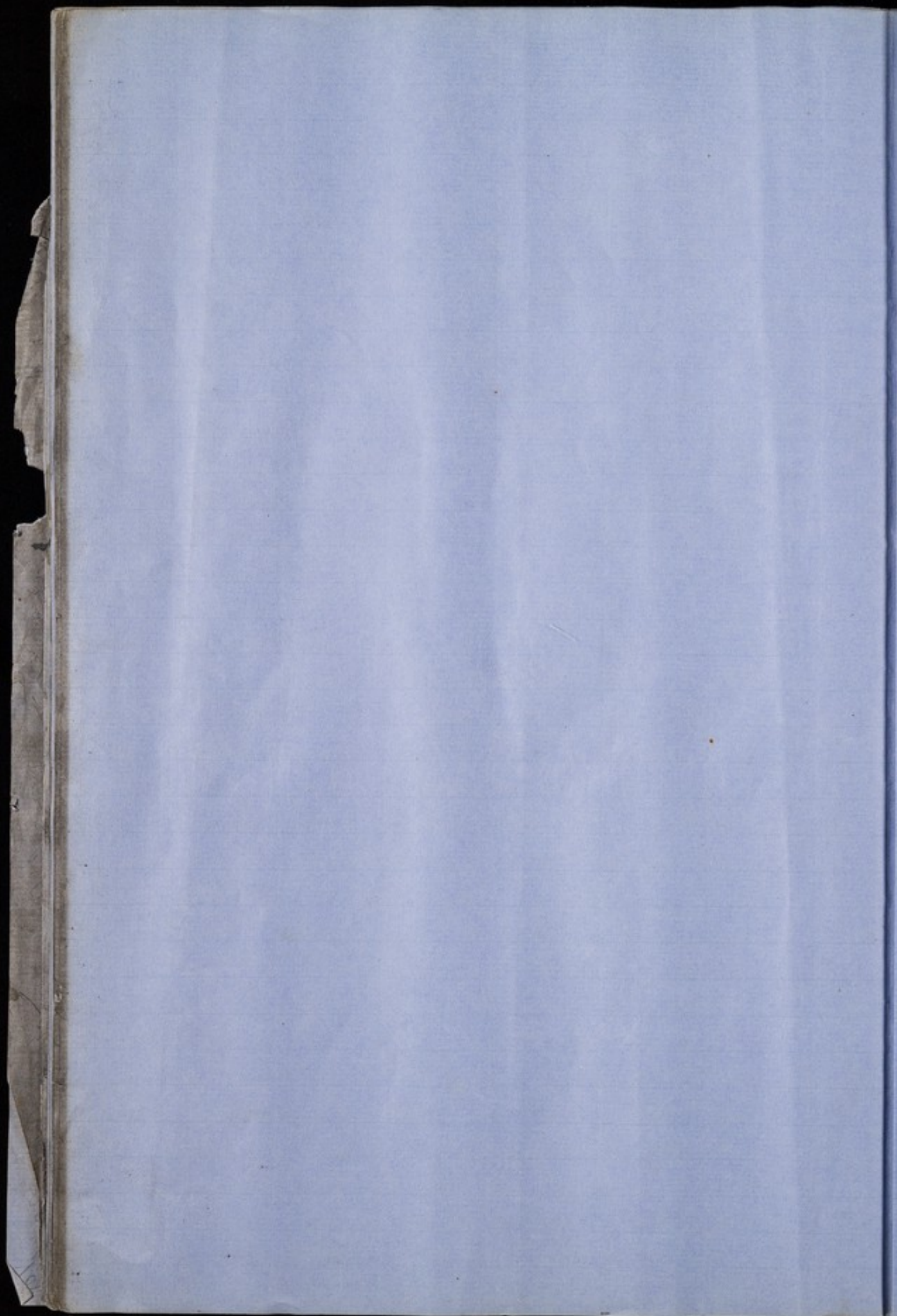




chary believe it as an explanation
 of my getting typhoid - from the fact
 that it might have been in contact
 with a typhoid body or intestine.
 On the 24th December I got out of bed
 a next day ^{the 25th} enjoyed well enjoy a my
 Xmas dinner with my nurse. The last
 day of the year I was removed by ~~the~~
 & gained rapidly in health & strength.
 Having spent three weeks & only three
 weeks, seeking renewed ~~health~~ vigour I
 came back to the dissecting room; &
 although I began with only one hour
 work a day that is about a week
 or at any rate a fortnight became
 two three or four hours a day until
 by February I was going with the
 usual March ground for the College.
 For about six weeks after my return I
 was in very good health & ~~the~~ was daily
 told how stout & well I was looking.
 The 1st of March however with its
 attendant hard work tried ~~me~~
 severely my strength. By evening I was
 completely done & fit for nothing
 although I was forced to make an
 effort to do something which had much
 better been undone. Between carrying
 some things or another about the
 students having I did not sleep well
 & that again debilitated largely from
 my strength. This sense of tiredness &
 depression & lassitude grew upon me
 daily inducing me to rest as often
 as every occasion possible.



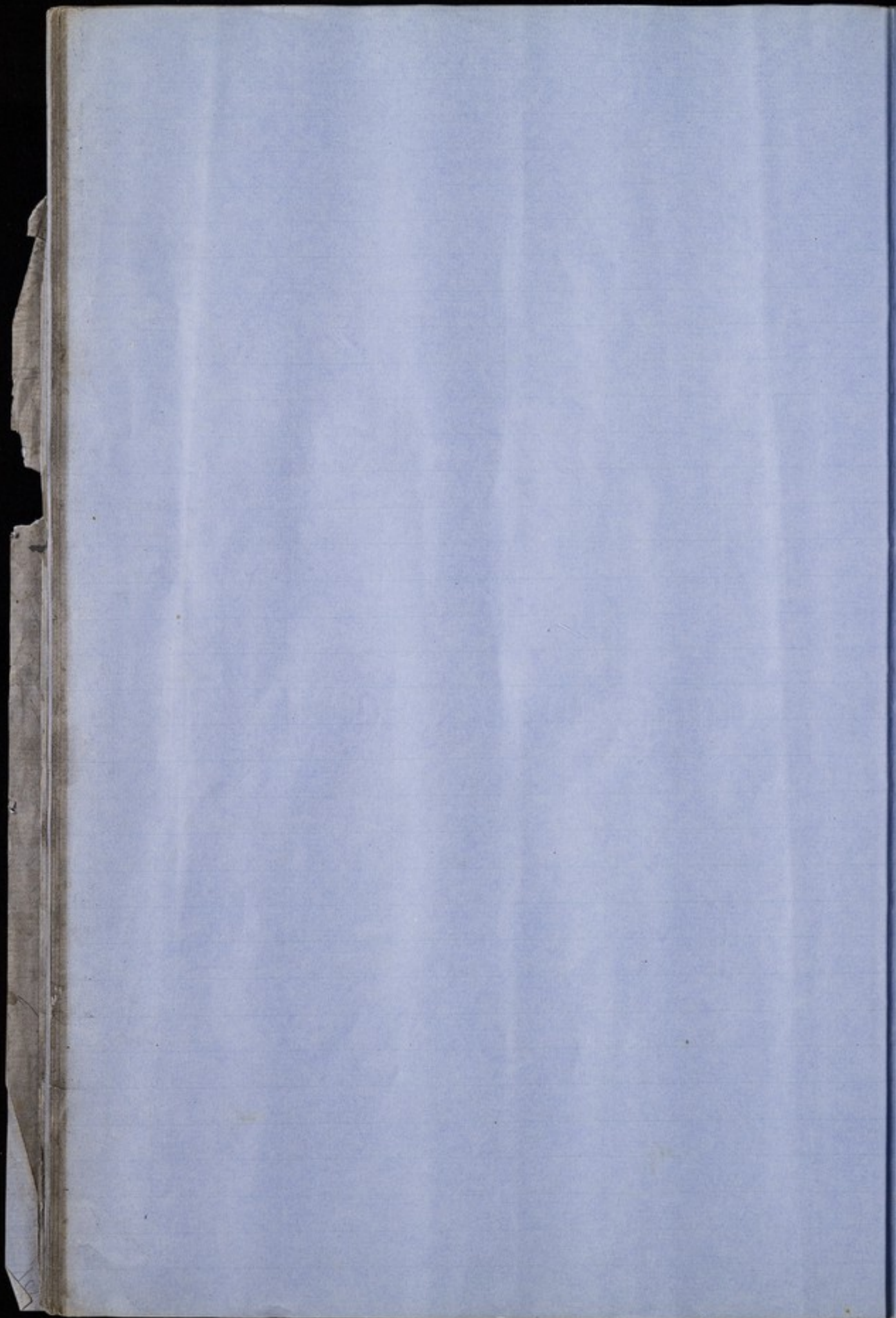
I was much depressed in spirits not
 that I had any thing to be depressed about
 only health & spirits go together & as I had
 not the former I could not expect the latter.
 I counted the days almost ^{the hours} when the
 exams would come on & I should have
 rest - and as time went on I felt
 that I might last until the examination
 day did come but that after that if
 I did not collapse altogether I should
 require a long rest. I thought long walks
 would get rid of my bad symptoms but
 as with many other men under similar
 circumstances they only tended to make
 me more. Stimulants in the shape of
 port wine I took to kindly & considerably
 & was one of Short's best customers for about
 a fortnight or three weeks previous to being
 laid up. I will give you an account
 of what work I did during April; just
 to show that Nature was quite justified
 in laying me up as she did. I was in
 the dissecting room at sunrise in the
 morning & remained there until half
 past one. At half past two & from
 that to half past four or five I spent
 showing the students who were going
 up microscopic specimens & going
 over the headings of physiology with
 them. At seven o'clock I had student
 reading with me for an M. B. examination
 at that time he was reading Medicine
 Midwifery Forensic Medicine &c. After



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when I had finished with him I frequently went back to the dissecting room staying until 12 at ^{night} getting out something for the next day & if at home getting things in food set terms by the following morning for the motley subject I was dabbling in. In such a state of things, Motley's the only wear.

Sooner or later such a state of things must tell very only surprise now is that I stood it so long. However one Saturday morning the 7th April I was repaid in full. That morning I was very short tempered & my many ~~complaints~~ of foolish blockheads, both around me was frequently remarked on & I was told that I was not looking well & that my extreme & more than ordinary shortness of temper betrayed my being ill. There were only three students that morning & as the rest were very old & greasy, one or two of the ~~students~~ audience sought to overcome the bad & downy atmosphere by that comfortable handy orientable purificatory insecticide - even ready to be supplied by students of medicine - 'a smoke'. I had occasion to make a sketch on the slate of the three satellite, layers for knowledge surrounding ^{the} person picked up the flowers of the instruction & bestowed the weed upon me in the form of a whiff of smoke. This gentleman is a round ^{about} way of telling you that my



first really bad symptom commenced on either swallowing or inhaling I know not which this puff of smoke. I turned round taking a deep breath at the time & say about the sketch when I was ^{meto} shut up by this tobacco smoke. I feel immediately heavy in my abdomen, heavy tightness across the chest, difficulty in breathing than in the right axilla. I then went into the open air & after a considerable time succeeded in regaining my breathing power. I returned to try to work but had to give up being positively done. Now I wish you to note a few points about these premonitory symptoms.

1. The sense of weariness & oppression; frequent yawning or a sense of drowsiness; yet one cannot sleep.
2. The resort to stimulants. This is how ^{in a case of} wasted energy, power loss or is generally obtained as in a case like mine the usual stimulant is port wine. Therefore - beware when you find a naturally strong man resort to stimulants to keep him going advise him to try change of air instead.
- 3rd The shortness of temper. Must you know that with the capacity of teacher my temper is frequently not over sweet & were there he granted harder faults many appellations of 'donkeyism' with which I abounded many now that my



teaching days are I believe over of
 an once more a student & subject to
 the same rule, as yourself, it would be
 certainly more than I deserve. During
 however the week & or ten days preceding
 the 7th April the day on which I was
 laid up I remember well my short-
 ness of temper surprised both myself
 there around me. From these gentlemen
 I must ask the apology of ill health
 and throughout all my illness my getting
 very cross was regarded both by myself
 those near as a bad sign. So Dr. Jones
 insist on these three symptoms

1. The sense of weariness unrelieved by sleep
 2. The rest & stimulants & keep oneself going
 3. The shortness of temper - as ~~the~~ ^{leading} diagnostic points of a work.
- To return to this memorable whiff
 of smoke. My feeling ill after the
 swallowing or inhaling of this smoke
 will not I am sure suggest to any
 around me - that it was this that
 was the ^{whole} cause of my illness. Many
 a man habitually swallows the
 smoke from his pipe & no harm comes
 from it. But the slight vitiation
 of the atmosphere & was breathing
 served to bring to a crisis no doubt hastened
 by a few hours perhaps the symptoms
 that were impending over me
 & only waiting their opportunity
 for a final outbreak. It is the

were of the same family & called as they
were. I would like to see the original
of these the other surgeon the Dr.
Kellum

last straw that breaks the camel's back & just as before the attack of Typhoid the impyemic body hastened the symptoms so this & whiff of smoke was the last straw the culminating point - the signal for the onset of all the well stored poison.

Feeling then so thoroughly done up I did that Saturday forenoon I had to give up work. I sat down with a library in state little sort of torpa I did not care to move or wish to be let alone not spoken to. Overcome by a sense of drowsiness I could not keep my eyes open & still I could not sleep. At length I roused myself & thought a walk would set me up so started out by St. James Park to the Green Park & then sat down. During all this time the pain in my abdomen continued now slightly better now worse until I began to feel a return of Typhoid fever although 3 months had now passed since I had recovered from that disease.

Still persisting in walking believing that was going to bring me relief I walked by Hyde Park & Oxford St. & Grayson! With great satisfaction I stretched myself in my bed & went to sleep for an hour or two!

I gave the nurse a hundred spoons of beer. ^{Feeling that rest & sleep were to be taken if possible} After a disturbed night's rest I awoke on Sunday morning very thirsty &

That had my been were any
 held after 2 days saying when
 best they had had the other
 weather improving from the 6
 the out of the last part of the
 more who accompanied me from
 much. The evening had had
 about the end of the 1st
 my room ~~the weather had~~
 lot of rain. Since the 1st
 has been at the sea side since
 with a few more sun with
 continued.

The Principal of the University
 something from the side he had
 described when he returned
 state were of the in general
 before clearing the paper
 matter was about extent of
 we all my learning of the
 they are in saying that
 in that that I might think
 in history. ~~Our~~ most
 names who among the
 case of articles of a few
 the College of the found that
 matter has the right by my
 side of the my
 thank you all for
 thank & thank, brother in
 a hand every.

As for the History of the

Satisfied ^{in day} ~~afternoon~~ ^{with appetite} ~~not appetite~~
 satisfying it left large ~~quantity~~ ^{quantity}
 of water & afterwards tea. I spent
 that day in a very miserable
 manner sometimes laying down
 then getting up & trying to persuade my-
 self I was better with little desire for
 food but an increasing desire for ~~water~~
 fluids. On Sunday night I felt so
 bad that I sent for Mr. Bellamy
 to come & see me. I tried several tele-
 gram his response was momentary &
 he came instantly to see me late
 as it was on Sunday night before
 I sent for him. He found my pulse
 130 my temperature 105° tongue coated
 with all the symptoms of high fever with
 prostration. I had a painful spot
 in my right axilla but Mr. Bellamy
 could make out no swelling or thick-
 ening whatever although I was quite
 decided as to the seat of the pain. No redness
 could be found up my arm suggesting
 a wounded finger. I had wounded
 the thumb of my left hand about
 6 or 7 days previously to but that ^{was} very
 kindly and I was rejoiced to think that
 that for all my feeling bad - I could
 not be really in such a wretched
 state as I ~~had~~ ^{was} ~~found~~ ^{found} afterwards to be in.
 Mr. Bellamy had houltries applied
 to the painful spot and gave me large
 doses of Barb & Ammonia. These relieved
 me ~~greatly~~ ^{greatly} & I passed a much better
 night than I had done for some time.

my account & was entrusted with
 the circuit had actually formed.
 My experience of the system was very
 1. Ethical & Acid & etc. The patients
 the least & indicating & finally good
 It took 1 year like it
 2. Only 1 kind. I had it all kinds
 weak that it was little matter
 cold water. The color of the urine
 however was water & telling
 we were the worst ever thought
 clear. The 'Red Spot' was my favorite
 for the first time it was applied.
 and a combination of the spots
 known the most water & making
 & cleaning the wound out with
 and put the water opening
 the Red Spot.
 By the fact, were enough to think
 of starting in changing in the
 my home was ~~unimpaired~~ with little
 I left London on Wednesday the 23rd
 for the steamer for Aberdeen.
 The voyage was very pleasant & at
 the end of my journey I felt a new
 man. I had a great deal of time
 to devote to my pleasure & that
 I could not get out of town for 3 or
 4 days. This had its own effects
 the fact is my sister's legs & arms
 becoming although the legs seem
 that the number of measurements

Next morning Mr. Kellamy returned
 with Dr. Green & found my symptoms
 although slightly abated still alarming.
 From my chest symptoms, I fancied
 it was some of the thoracic viscera
 that were affected. & Dr. Green ^{longer} ~~thinking~~
~~with the idea~~ that nothing was more likely
 after typhoid proceeded to examine
 my lungs with his usual care & patience.
 He pronounced them much less
 by own astonishment that my
 lungs & pleura were sound & the
 cause of all this must be searched
 for somewhere else. What then could
 all this be about. One does not have
 such a high temperature & quick
 pulse as I had without something
 coming out of it; & as yet no decided
 symptoms developed & key to say
 which way things were going to
 terminate. Certaining the pain in
 my arm pit continued; & although
 modified, & the poultice were still
 applied of both (ofr does of guaiac
 in place of the bark & ammonia).
 By Tuesday morning the pain
 in the axilla was almost gone & by the
 evening had left off poultices. I
 still continued taking these large doses
 of guaiac & of the many forms of ^{issues}
 in the ear from large doses, mine was a
 peculiar one. I was lying in bed
 with no one in the room when I heard

Being able to hear even over a great
 deal of sleeping were showing very carefully
 a difference made by another of John
 Howe name that was all for me, it
 was no wonder that I soon recovered
 it is a week I have been lying on
 head to being getting on my hands
 The best account of any rest I have
 a relation again with the best that
 my work was being ~~strongly~~
 with Candy I had found ~~the~~
 products were contained of the best
 The woman worked out with this
 great activity of Remedy and
 Patrick (just enough to eat in the boat)
 The accompanying with ~~the~~ make
 the kind came out as I report in
 with the no alteration of the ~~language~~
 from coming in contact with Patrick
 your matter. By the health
 were left off gradually. The being
 used ~~at night~~ in some ~~night~~
 the had been left off the day
 the end was changed in the order
 the action of the stomach. This was
 chief of my name, as I had
 being named under the ~~the~~
 at being into the ~~the~~
 this ~~the~~ ~~the~~
 substance of ~~the~~

This John did exceedingly well

as I thought an organ ~~playing~~ ⁱⁿ the
 street playing an air of which I am
 passionately fond. I sat up in bed
 blither & heard it played twice much
 to my satisfaction. On its being
 commenced the third time I got out
 of bed and opened the bed room
 door so that I might hear better
 I was astonished that the opening
 the door made little or no difference
 to the intensity of the music & went
 back to bed again blither thinking
 I had been mistaken in the direction
 of the sound. I sat listening till
 the organ seemed to keep on playing
 & thinking enough as good as a feast
 having heard the same tune un-
 times I laid my head on the pillow
 to get rid of the sound. ~~But~~ ^{to my sur-}
 prise I found that the ear next the
 pillow heard the tune the better of the
 two. Proving to me finally that this
 noise was my own ear not pro-
 ceeding from a street organ. I got angry
 of my favorite air blast me a lifetime
 part continued all that night & sub-
 5 20'clock next day.

To return however to my more
 important symptoms, whether it
 was the ginning or the poultice or both
 combined with rest & bed that produced
 the good effects I know not; how-
 ever by Wednesday I was much

better & got out of bed during the afternoon
 staying up 3 or 4 hours. Next morning
 Thursday I had planned to go by day
 to stay with my friends for a time to
 recruit my strength. On getting out
 of bed I found my right ~~arm~~
 shoulder stiff & tried to persuade my-
 self that there was no swelling ~~under~~
~~neath~~ round about it. I remember
 saying to Mr. Milne who was in the
 bedroom at the time for a getting
 up that I thought I had caught
 cold in my shoulder after so many
 hot poultices. It is with feelings
 of the deepest regret shared I know
 by ~~to~~ all here who knew him
 that I cannot call upon him
 to confirm my remark. One is taken
 the other left. The one was taken
 away only four weeks after
 the other mercifully left & although
 inclined to wonder why things are
 so we know it is this will & this will
 be done.

This painful state of things round
 my shoulder joint made me
 begin to think of rheumatism
 & to conjure up the realistic terrors
 of rheumatism which of all ills
 I loathe the most. My thirst
 that morning I wish you to notice
 this as a diagnostic point, ~~was intolerable~~
 I finished the water in the ~~water~~
 bottle

not present little of any thing except
about apex of the large vein of
nothing at all about the cutaneous
distribution of over trunks of vein
from the vein of neck of the lateral
subject of the chest is known to the
sternum and hypochondria of the
a Phlegma will tell you that in
certain cases observed there of a
large abscess a few months
in the left breast and humerally
in the lateral aspect of the body
of scapulae you will see part that
they were exercising in part
in giving a relief to the morbid
of the side of the chest, other part
a covering of body for health.
This vessel ~~the~~ emptying itself
somehow with the arteries in some
line into the venous system of the
any disease arising from the
in low down in the ~~vein~~
where it anastomoses with the sub-
larynx or smaller vein in the
cutaneous plexus. Cutaneous
vein receives from the ~~arteries~~
of the intercostal vein ~~the~~
over the section of the vein from the
particular ~~arteries~~ ^{vein} ~~arteries~~ vein. This
commencing by fine ~~veins~~ ^{arteries} ~~arteries~~
from these ~~arteries~~ ^{veins} ~~arteries~~ ^{veins}
is due chiefly to the venous system from
the intercostal veins of the
the intercostal veins of the

in my bed room when ~~at~~ I got out of
 bed. Having no more tea at hand
 except what was in the Ewa I began on
 that & finished what was in it - there
 being I am sure little less ^{than} two
 quarts. All this was consumed during
 the time I was dressing & at last getting
 into my coat with difficulty even with
 assistance I went to my sitting room
 & resumed what water was in the
~~cup~~ ^{cup} on the table. This will impress
 upon you the intense thirst accompanying
 high fever & suggest to your mind what
 must have been the pain & suffering, of
 fever patients in old days, when they
 were rolled in red flannel & given
 all except tiny drops of hot fluids.
 In great ~~and~~ misery, from the pain
 in the shoulder increased as it was
 by putting cotton wool round the joint
 beneath a tight fitting coat & I was
 taken to by denham. On getting there
 I was much relieved from the great
 pain I had been suffering in -
 creased by the jolting in the hair & cab.
 when I got my coat off. But when
 it was removed I found the
 shoulder much more swollen &
 painful to the touch. My friends
 insisted on rubbing it - believing
 that it was a little rheumatism I
 had got from cold. I submitted &
 had it rubbed well for about 20 minutes

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want collection of Cens. In view
however of the weak plan proposed
had been coming on long & was
the month of the month & then clearing
overlooked as the clearing only the
we agreed with Mrs. B. that a English
made the should be put off to night
the latter of the month & a household
expense Higgins's is either Henry Jones
this instrument contained with it lies
used by a still the nurse was what
working cure. I am now here
that had the town her work
out on cartage & thorough out
was after the practice of his part
here her covered with shreds.
No one could do it except a nurse
we too who had had experience in
and with some matter. Mr. McKean
did it carefully through
what with me but they was not
always there so the thing went back
After this the swelling & any side
went down finally disappeared
leaving only the mark which the
handker had created me.
In the course of this swelling & the
side of course the swelling came
was taken above but only of
should be limited as I was with
during treatment. Chestnut
have any to do with the swelling
as there are several sorts of chestnut

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believing that after all these might be
 something old wives care so called. I got
 little sleep after that next morning the
 shoulder was red swollen painful &
 scarcely moveable. I was satisfied now
 that it was articular rheumatism & wrote
 Mr Taylor to come down & see me. I told
 him ^{what} he came what I thought it to be
 & I think you will agree with ^{me} that
 his not differing with my opinion was
 justifiable. Temp: 104.5. pulse 120-30
 sleepless, furred tongue my right shoulder
 swollen & painful to the touch & the hair
 extending down my right arm. He
 ordered hot fomentations & gave
 me acorn bread to reduce my temperature
 next day when he returned he
 found the swelling gone & the
 pain much relieved. But to cut
 matter short which I am afraid
 are getting rather gross a large
 swelling ^{generally swelling except down} developed itself beneath
 the right pectoral muscle. In a
 few days the glands along the ^{free} margin
 of the pectoralis major ~~the~~ began to
 swell. There went an increasing &
 getting hard ~~to~~ ⁱⁿ a week
 time the whole floor of the axilla
 was occupied ~~with~~ by these swollen
 glands. Mr Bellamy was again atten-
 ding me & by his advice poultices
 were being constantly applied &
 I was taking large doses of Bark &
 Annemina

The the first outbreak
 kidney prints in fingers can be
 have been for first infection?
 the Semata program at the base of the
 seafloor. It will be under the
 which followed through the
 many records that the matter
 had been changed at the
 before we look at the
 for this reason it might be looked on as a
 new infection, that is, the
 formed on itself, seeking a local
 where there is a central
 with a large community, but
 necessary occurrences of my organisms
 from the large for active, but
 King, but it is great in the
 of King's meeting that night
 the army of the deep sea structure
 the King was attending the
 King had some evening, but it
 of King if not with King's
 he should be in communications so often
 him had to be administered for
 this is true that King's
 last morning, in his case
 we must remember what I have
 before that nothing more could be
 done that had been done on the
 efficient manner then had he
 done by Mr. Williams. He recommended
 the order to be worked out with

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Any one of you who have ever seen
 a case of axillary abscess with enlarged
 glands must have been impressed
 equally with myself how treacherous
 these glands are in their condition
 seat & significance. It seemed as
 though each poultice would com-
 plete the pointing of these hardened
 masses & many a hot poultice did
 I submit to thinking & hoping that one
 good ^{hot} one would complete the thing
 by bringing the matter to the surface.
 Still although they caused actual
 bulging in the axillary floor there was
 no pus in them as proved by Mr. Bellamy
 passing an exploratory needle into
 them & there was no tendency to
 pointing or softening even after a
 week or ten days of poulticing.
 My great suffering during the fort-
 night I spent at Lydenham before
 the abscess was opened was a kind
 of neuralgic pain down my right
 arm felt chiefly in the bend of the
 elbow, in the fleshy part of the forearm
 & between the metacarpal bones
 amongst the interossei muscles. This
 pain was an ^{awful} most pain most
 intense during the night, the greater
 part of which was occupied by my
 walking about and pressing on the
 more painful parts of the arm. Getting
 the brass knob of the bedstead into
 the bend of the elbow & seeing it was

that it was ~~written~~ written in the
 English as follows: ²⁴ ~~24~~ ²⁵ ~~25~~ ²⁶ ~~26~~ ²⁷ ~~27~~ ²⁸ ~~28~~ ²⁹ ~~29~~ ³⁰ ~~30~~ ³¹ ~~31~~ ³² ~~32~~ ³³ ~~33~~ ³⁴ ~~34~~ ³⁵ ~~35~~ ³⁶ ~~36~~ ³⁷ ~~37~~ ³⁸ ~~38~~ ³⁹ ~~39~~ ⁴⁰ ~~40~~ ⁴¹ ~~41~~ ⁴² ~~42~~ ⁴³ ~~43~~ ⁴⁴ ~~44~~ ⁴⁵ ~~45~~ ⁴⁶ ~~46~~ ⁴⁷ ~~47~~ ⁴⁸ ~~48~~ ⁴⁹ ~~49~~ ⁵⁰ ~~50~~ ⁵¹ ~~51~~ ⁵² ~~52~~ ⁵³ ~~53~~ ⁵⁴ ~~54~~ ⁵⁵ ~~55~~ ⁵⁶ ~~56~~ ⁵⁷ ~~57~~ ⁵⁸ ~~58~~ ⁵⁹ ~~59~~ ⁶⁰ ~~60~~ ⁶¹ ~~61~~ ⁶² ~~62~~ ⁶³ ~~63~~ ⁶⁴ ~~64~~ ⁶⁵ ~~65~~ ⁶⁶ ~~66~~ ⁶⁷ ~~67~~ ⁶⁸ ~~68~~ ⁶⁹ ~~69~~ ⁷⁰ ~~70~~ ⁷¹ ~~71~~ ⁷² ~~72~~ ⁷³ ~~73~~ ⁷⁴ ~~74~~ ⁷⁵ ~~75~~ ⁷⁶ ~~76~~ ⁷⁷ ~~77~~ ⁷⁸ ~~78~~ ⁷⁹ ~~79~~ ⁸⁰ ~~80~~ ⁸¹ ~~81~~ ⁸² ~~82~~ ⁸³ ~~83~~ ⁸⁴ ~~84~~ ⁸⁵ ~~85~~ ⁸⁶ ~~86~~ ⁸⁷ ~~87~~ ⁸⁸ ~~88~~ ⁸⁹ ~~89~~ ⁹⁰ ~~90~~ ⁹¹ ~~91~~ ⁹² ~~92~~ ⁹³ ~~93~~ ⁹⁴ ~~94~~ ⁹⁵ ~~95~~ ⁹⁶ ~~96~~ ⁹⁷ ~~97~~ ⁹⁸ ~~98~~ ⁹⁹ ~~99~~ ¹⁰⁰ ~~100~~

a favorite pastime for half an hour
a day; sometimes dipping my arm in cold
water then again I would rub it & have
it rubbed. The pain was so aggravating
sometimes that I bit a deep nail
into my forearm; all these
violent measures however were of no
avail in the removing the pain,
the cause was beyond my reaching
away of some of the branches of the
brachial plexus. The big tumour
beneath the pectorals which after-
wards proved to be pus was either broken
up or sending some of its inflammatory
crusts around the sheaths of the
vessels & nerves close to the clavicle,
Seeing then the state I was in that my
strength was fast going something must
be done. Mr. Bellamy chiefly I believe
for the purpose of encouraging suppuration
on Sunday the 2nd of May made a
small incision into one of the more
prominent axillary glands & tore down
some of the fascia around with his fingers.
This suppuration that we hoped for
although the wound was kept open
by lint & poultice applied continually
did not come to pass. Next day Mr.
Hind came to see me & the exact state
of things then was a large tumour
under the pectoral muscle, causing a
bulging below the clavicle. Neither
pressure nor pulling this swelling about
caused any pain. The glands & the

left at the end of the week. ~~That~~
 The very day she left however
 I was like her again. This time
 I felt as if I was seeing ~~her~~
 with me. I felt about ~~the~~
 the weather what about ~~the~~
 suddenly changed with some
 whether it was a result of leaving
 of her. I was ~~in~~ but
 or the 27th May I was ~~in~~
 & showed ~~in~~ for about 3 hours
 The after the high pressure and
 given back. It all goes again
 with and as ~~the~~ the ~~the~~
 on. Now I feel ~~in~~ of ~~the~~
 operation at length it would be ~~the~~
 have seen that we are ~~in~~
 another. However on the 27th May
 punctured another operation and
 finally ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~
 make again for the 6th ~~the~~
 I feel about ~~the~~ ~~the~~
 day I felt about ~~the~~ ~~the~~
 up down & across my right side.
 I was increased & severity ~~the~~
 felt about & had my head being
 now at the post now has ~~the~~
 during the afternoon. The ~~the~~
 I think the so ~~the~~ ~~the~~
 every side much. By the ~~the~~
 very side because ~~the~~
 ordinary and of my ~~the~~
 different we ~~the~~ ~~the~~
 found in ~~the~~ ~~the~~

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axilla were still hard & swollen & the
chief seat of ~~disease~~ pain & therefore the
supposed seat of disease was at the
posterior part of the lateral aspect of
the chest about the 5th or 6th rib. The
opinion then generally held was that
the pus was dissecting the muscles
of the ribs & the sooner the pus was got
at the better. Next day Tuesday Mr.
Bellamy came to do what he could
in the matter of relief & his tactics evidently
relieved to him fluctuation in this
swelling beneath the pectoral: The
painful spot of the previous day ^{was}
unheeded; ~~not~~ ~~now~~ & all attention
was directed to the fluctuation & various
opinions were interchanged as to its reality.
However Mr. Bellamy with Dr. Bruce's assent
made up his mind to operate on what
the pus if it was to be found. You know
well enough gentlemen that he having
resolved to find it it would be found.
Before I ^{could} know their decision the sharp
pointed bistoury was up to the ~~left~~
shaft beneath the pectoral, & pus
poured out in so foully striking
a stream that brandy & soda were
required immediately to prevent
the circular muscular fibres taking
on an isophagial direction. We
all believed that now my pain &
suffering were over & had nothing
to do but to get well. Poultices were
applied & began to take on & my appetite

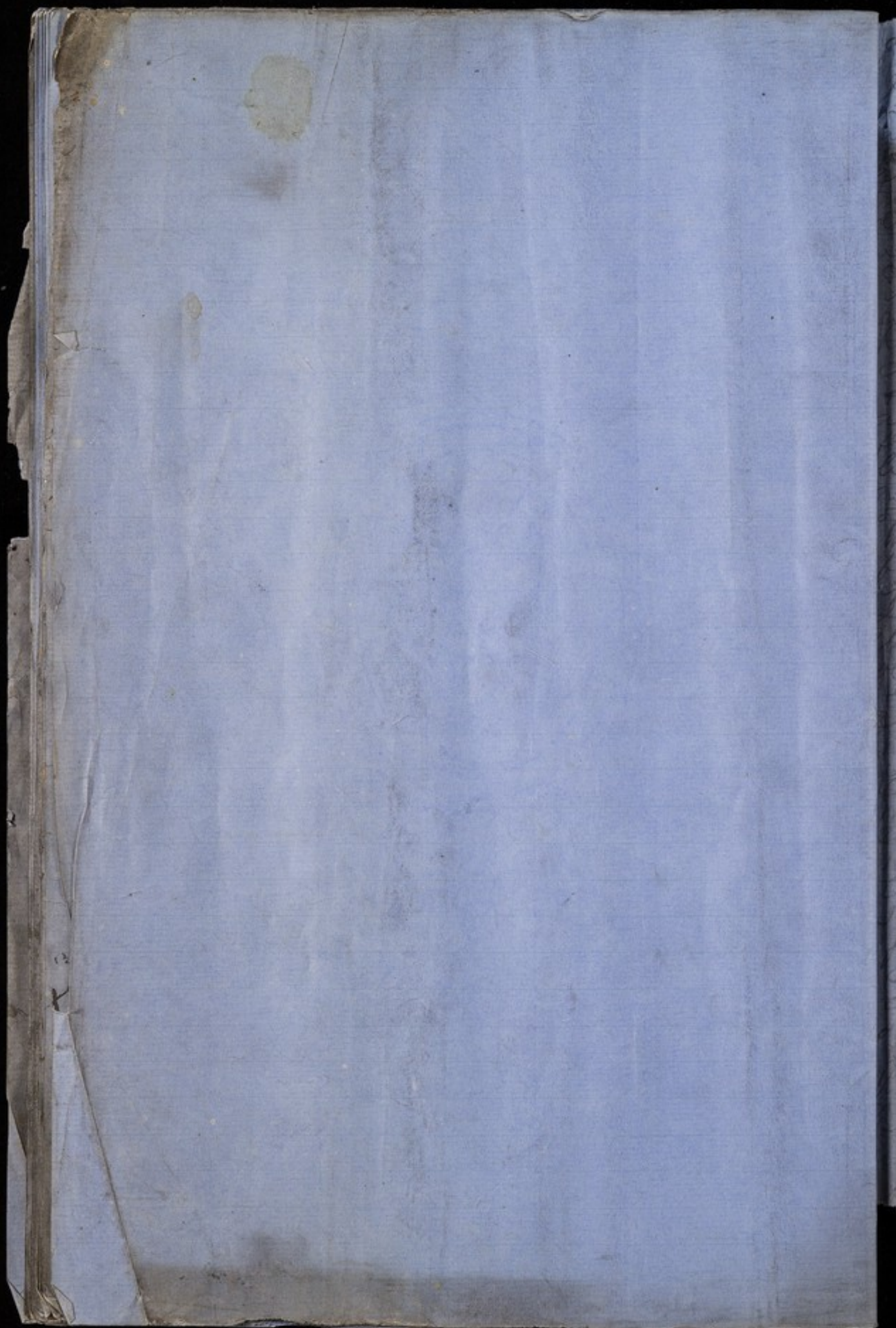
measuring the height of the mine
 with the height of the fence
 since having order that people
 not touch. During the process
 the found her way but the coal
 which she received of 12 lbs is
 12 minutes. During every other
 after she had a plan of mine
 the showing that my woman by work
 I had with candle ^{by 24} and other
 other things. feeling at the point
 with them, was also some heavy
 the stick being removed from the
 near by the time, she had 6000
 of air to get the quantity of air
 are the height of the mine
 the mine distance through the room
 in her action - she having the
 the height on the way of the
 this could be had with no loss
 and she was overcome of dimness
 applicable by a 50 lbs mine
 mine who says the very action of
 the ~~mine~~ ^{mine} ~~mine~~ ^{mine} had
 it made the mine & even
 moved having so much ^{mine} ~~mine~~
 in our camp after the ~~mine~~ ^{mine}
 after my first operation I was left
 like breath about 10 my room
 this mine was thought like the
 height with by very long

being first class I was soon fairly strong
 again & my hair almost gone.
 Large quantities of pus came away
 with every poultice & the mouth of the
 wound looked healthy. By & by the
 poultices were left off & carbolic acid
 lotion was used to wash out & to dress the
 wound with. The next day after this treat-
 ment ~~the~~ I did not feel well ~~at all~~
 my temperature towards evening got very
 high the wound became painful &
 the discharge stopped. I thought at
 first my ravenous hunger had made me
 eat too much as I was sick ~~and~~ vomited
 incessantly during the night & was no
 better next morning ^{Monday} when Mr. McLaughlin
 came. He enlarged the opening & putting
 his finger into the sinus cleared out
 long thick plugs of blood & matter
 that were lying in the way of the pus
 & evidently blocking up its outlet.
 After this operation as after the one
 before I rapidly improved & eating
 well & heartily until one ~~of~~ both
 at me ~~was~~ ^{would be} astonished to be told I
 had been bad. But worse things than
 these were in store for me and the
 end of another week brought a
 fresh onset of symptoms similar
 exactly to the previous. High temperature
 irritability want of appetite constant
~~vomiting~~ retching & vomiting no sleep & nothing
 but rolling in pain.

He said he only knew of nurses in England
then. There however it was impossible
to get a without one of them told or
nurses were the only ones for St. John's
House. It would however be ^{John's} John's
were not the head and administration
was made by a Nursing ^{Administration} Administration
out very far removed from England
The Nurse was sent me who for
knew & he was of the good old sort
the one of those good ones who had
spent all his life administering to
the sick. He first began in entering
the room was to my & he was some
half an hour or a drinking out - with
my head on the wall which by the
way was shaded in black oak. He
attempted to introduce the subject of
his cut with my ear cavity. With
a considerable pain and a vibrating
noise at my ear - and a vibrating
sound as if because the mouth of the spot
I think what struck me to be half
dead. ^{John's} John's tea but the
was coming from the figure in the
all. He said he was that no more
which he said he said that time.
15 minutes after she had come with
her she was half dead in the way
then my bedroom with a house
two's neck she would look for some
particular. They were particular with

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It was evident again that nothing but enlarging the wound & cleaning out the irritating matter could bring relief. On ~~Monday~~ Tuesday the 18th I was again operated on & this time under Chloroform. The wound was again laid open & the sinus cleared out without ridding it of the usual amount of flaky pus & blood. A plug of lint was put in this time to keep the wound open. The edges of the cut surface proved to be thick & brawny & as was told it was like cutting through a piece of leather. A small artery & a large quantity of venous blood kept oozing away for a good many hours after the operation. Just a large quantity ^{of blood} during the operation I was ^{rather} in a precarious state. An ice bag was applied ^{continuously} to the mouth of the wound for 10 hours until all ^{signs of} ~~hemorrhage symptoms~~ had passed. Next morning the wound looked hard still and I begged them to enlarge the wound before they touched the plug as I was sure the pain would be frightful. The wound was enlarged but to get ^{out} the plug & pack because Mr. Bellamy believed that these ~~would~~ short thick & leathery & unhealthy looking margins of the wound would be improved by a large incision. ~~Although~~ ~~however~~ I had steadily refused a Nurse all along knowing how prejudiced



When some feverish with small ill, I ^{took} the man.
My thirst was intolerable & missed the water with care
My bed room as whenever I got out of bed. I would
as an excuse at hand I believe after water with
a glass in which I am sure there was not
a trace of heat, all this day I drank during the
day & was thirsty, but just getting into my coat with
difficult I went to my sitting room & finished the
~~cup of water which I had had of the water~~
~~which was full & simple~~
In this will nurses in your kitchen that not to be
induced in the old days of medical practice when
patients on thirst & juices were denied ~~any~~ fluids
I had some from the pump with the shoulder
feeling better, but I found the remainder
went for the measure of my coat & started
from the kitchen - hoping that in there I should
be all night. ~~Water taken~~ ^{at} the great demand
I found there I was much relieved ^{by the}
my coat, but when I did so I found
my body very much swollen & the
full of water. My pains insisted on a shoulder
of being that it was a little swollen & I
had got water. According to the doctor's
prescription he something after the water
old wine cur & had my shoulder get
my hand for about 20 minutes. Next day
I was very red swollen & painful & could
not move. I was satisfied now I had
no rheumatism & wrote asking Mr. Taylor
some things to come & see my coat with
no delay. He came as far as I told him that
I had some I had not rheumatism. He had
at least 100 will me & from such a
times I think you will agree it was
104. pulse 20-30. Sleepless
tired tongue & with my shoulder
swollen painful with touch & painful to
down my right arm. He ordered to be
tion as for my shoulder & small doses of
reduce my temp. Next day when he returned
Swell was gone down & the much clear.
At the end of matter about which I am afraid
with the pump a large swelling of the
self beneath the back muscle. In a
day the fluid along the ~~side~~ ^{margin}
of the shoulder got enlarged & they were

resire than ~~as~~ ^{and} nearly ~~as~~ ^{as} if ready to ~~break~~ ^{pass} through the skin. By Mrs. Bell's
aid who came all ~~the way~~ ^{at once} ~~to~~ ^{for} me I was taking bark & ammonia & applying poultice
continually. ~~In~~ ^{the} ~~Chapel~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{take} ~~it~~. My great
suffering for a time was a kind of neuralgia
pain down my right arm; felt chiefly at
back of the elbow between the ~~two~~ metacarp
bones of the hand. This was as it most pain
must intense during the night, the great pain
which was occupied by my walking about and it
was the more painful part of my arm. Getting
the bones rub often on bedstead with the
of the elbow & squeezing it was a favorite method
of relief. Sometimes dipping my arm in
cold water, then again I would rub it as if an
one was near ask them to rub my arm. The pain
was aggravated sometimes that I bit my forearm
& again ~~drag~~ my nails in it. All these & other
measures ~~made~~ ~~but~~ ~~no~~ ~~relief~~ the pain which
was felt in the ~~arm~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~source~~ of it
is doubt but the seat of it in the ~~arm~~ ~~is~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~
as the nerve beneath the clavicle.
If any of you who have ever seen a case of ~~par-~~
~~alysis~~ will enlarged limb must have been im-
pressed equally with self how heathenous they
as better condition ~~as~~ ~~significant~~ ~~as~~ ~~the~~ ~~case~~
~~seen~~ ~~as~~ ~~though~~ ~~each~~ ~~poultice~~ ~~could~~ ~~be~~
like the point of the hand ~~as~~ ~~and~~ ~~one~~
a hot poultice and I submit to think
that one good hot poultice would cure
the thing & bring the matter to the surface.
All although they caused ^{actual} ~~enlarging~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~arm~~
of the ~~arm~~ ~~there~~ ~~was~~ ~~no~~ ~~pain~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~arm~~ ~~or~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~hand~~
Mr. Bell's husband's ~~established~~
bedside ~~with~~ ~~them~~ ~~and~~ ~~there~~ ~~was~~ ~~no~~ ~~evidence~~
of ~~it~~ ~~at~~ ~~all~~ ~~a~~ ~~week~~ ~~ago~~.