

(Dr. C. F. Martin, Montreal)

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Dear Martin:

I am sorry to say that I fear there is the etc. to which you refer, as well as the aortic insufficiency. I suppose there is no doubt this is one of the early cases with lues. To him I have laid no stress on that, and in order to console him have laid more stress on the rheumatic attack four years ago. He is evidently improving but I think it would be well for him to take two or three months steady treatment:

(1) Rest, flat on his back for the greater part of the day, letting him up for an hour or two.

(2) An ice-bag over his upper sternum at intervals.

(3) The iodide in moderate doses. Of course if there are any cases to be helped by iodide they are these with the probable luetic basis.

There are practically no physical signs of aneurism, except the trachael tugging. There is a suspicious shock over the manubrium in the upright position, scarcely as marked when he is recumbent, and a slight pulsation to the right of the sternum in the first and second, but not more than one often sees in aortic insufficiency. The afternoon is dull and the light is not good, so it would be well to look carefully in the first, second and third left in the situation indicated by Baetjer. The other point of interest is the systolic bruit up the trachea. I thought I could just catch it too at the open mouth, as Drummond has described.

Please return me Baetjer's diagram.

Sincerely yours,

W Osler