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Dr. Malloch's Notes of W.O.'s illness.

5.XII.19. When I telephoned after lunch yesterday, Sir Wm heard about it and said he wished me to be here. I came down on the 4.45 (bringing Record syringe and needles with me) and Dr. Gibson soon came and told me the white count was 27,000 and agreed then that the chest should be needled. (I had written on 1st to him that W.O. suspected a loculated collection and said 'I imagine it would comfort him to have his chest needled in a couple of places' - his temp. from being normal had risen on 30 Nov. to 101'. Sir Thomas Horder came at 8.22 and I met him. After he had dinner, Drs. Collier and Gibson came in and we discussed the case, and then he went up and examined W.O., then we all talked it over in the sitting-room. He thought there possibly was a focus (an abscess) in the rt. l.l. with a splash of pleurisy extending out over this lobe almost to the sternum. But thought it wisest to puncture. He felt there was no large collection of fluid. About 10 a.m. he told Sir Wm. who said "Nurse and I were going to do it ourselves some day before breakfast". We were all in the room - Horder, Collier, Gibson and myself, Sister Edwards and Sister Schott. He got off about 14 ozs. at about the 7th space on rt side behind. He had to point upwards a little and apparently it lay between the lobes - turbid yellow fluid and Gibson reported no pneumo. Some B. Influenzae and leucocytes. Sir Wm. had no pain and said to me later "It is worth while to have lived to be 70 and to have had an exploratory puncture done without feeling any more pain than the prick of the hypodermic (local anaesthesia)". Horder used my Record 20cc. Record syringe with B spinal puncture needle, both of which I brought down yesterday. W.O. slept for about 4 hours during the day - had a 1/2 and a good sleep all last night. He joked a little and told me to write to Sir Clifford Allbutt, Sir Humphry Rolleston and A.W. Pollard, which I did. He often asks me to feel his pulse and once he said "how is it?" and I "Oh, just a little bit fast", and he "is it rapid and small?", and then with a break in his voice "I know I'm going, since you have begun to make a pincushion of my back". It did not seem to be that he was joking altogether.

6.XII.19. Slept fairly well with a 1/2; still much nummular mucoc-focal sputum. H. not so good, P. 107 and irregular T., still about 100.4'. We decided to start on tinct. digitalis, m. xx, q. 4.h. After lunch he asked me to see to straightening out the papers about the library in the drawer in the lib. table opposite the fire-place. I knew what he meant. Later he said "I do not think that Bill and you can print the catalogue till after Lady Osler's death as after that things will be in the hands of the trust. Up till then there will only be a fixed income of five thousand", then he said ten thousand, but I did not ask if he meant pounds or dollars.

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"In the large pad on the table" (the small one beside the bed) "you will see some memoranda". I took it up but he said not to look at it then. Later in the day he spoke of the flushed feeling about his head and I tried to explain it but he said "Archie, you lunatic!" I've been watching this case for two months and I'm sorry I shall not see the post mortem." "Well, at any rate the books are there; do you know about Michael Angelo and his tomb? So pathetic! Well, it's Michael Angelo and his tomb and Osler and his Library". He had me write to several people and tell about him and also call on some others. After dinner he got me to fetch Sir Thomas Browne's Religio Medici "the 1868 edition", but he meant the 1862 one and I got it. He looked for something in it. He asked to have  $\frac{1}{4}$  (after the  $\frac{1}{2}$  taken on going to sleep) if he woke up about four. He told the Sister "if I don't have it, I don't believe my heart will stand another morning like this morning". On saying good-night to him he said "I don't see, with the pump going like that, why my breathing is so easy". He calls it 'delirium cordis'.