

影化基督教醫院用箋

BRIEF SUMMARY OF DR. PAULINE HAMILTON'S ILLNESS

In Queen Mary Hospital, Hongkong, January-March, 1953 when she was suffering from dysmenorrhoea and bleeding per rectum.

Operation: haemorrhoidectomy and dilatage and curettage.

Since May, 1953, persistent low-grade pyrexia up to 100-101, highest 102, accompanied by lassitude and loss of weight. At times she feels better. Occasional slight chilliness.

Since September, 1953, she has rested in bed and pyrexia has gradually settled.

In December, 1953, she was almost apyrexial.

Investigations (November, 1953)

Physical Examination: Well nourished, slightly pale, tongue clean, no definite abnormal physical signs, except slight tenderness to the right of the umbilicus.

B.P. 130/80.

Urine: Albumen negative, Sugar negative
Culture negative.

Blood: R.B.C. 5,000,000.

W.B.C. 6,400.

Differential Count:

Neutrophils	-	70%
Eosinophils	-	1%
Lymphocytes	-	21%
Monocytes	-	8%

Parasites - negative.

X-ray chest - nothing abnormal found.

(Sedimentation rate done two weeks earlier elsewhere was 15 mm. in 1 hour.

Blood Count showed R.B.C. 3,740,000, H.B. 70%,
W.B.C. 8,800.)

Sigmoidoscopy: Instrument passed to depth of 8", no ulceration, neoplasm or scar seen.

Weight: 64 kg.

I feel that Dr. Hamilton has had an obscure infection causing this pyrexia. There is still, however, a possibility of Koch's Bacillus infection (there is a history of minimal pulmonary tuberculosis when she was a student) or a deep-seated focal infection.

for 25 mm
week

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Christian Hospital,
Changhua, Taiwan.

10th November, 1953.

Dr. A. D^r. Harris,
Happy Mount Leprosy Colony,
TAM SUI.

Dear Dr. Harris,

Mr. Dunn asked me with your permission to see Dr. Pauline Hamilton because of a constant low-grade pyrexia. I now enclose a summary of my findings. I am afraid I could not find a cause for the pyrexia, but I wish I knew what operation was performed in Hongkong earlier this year for it might shed some light on her present condition. I also enclose a copy of my letter to Mr. Dunn.

In view of her possible infection, I have suggested she should, for the time being, not adhere too strictly to the weight reducing diet which you advised for her, but she definitely must not put on weight.

We cannot do a satisfactory blood culture, stool culture or cholecystogram, but could these be done in Taipei? The fever seemed to be much too long for it to be worth while doing a Widal test.

Hoping you are well and things are going more easily for you in the Leprosy Colony.

With very best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

D. Landsborough.

P S. I am holding back my letter to Professor Stock until I hear from you whether you have had a report from him or not.

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Christian Hospital,
Changhua,
Taiwan.

11th December, 1953.

Dear Dr. Hamilton,

Last Wednesday Dr. Harris and I, after careful consideration, came to the conclusion that the best thing would be for you to take a trip to Hongkong and have some investigations done there. The deciding factor was the temperature chart which you last gave me showing some fever lasting over eight days and the fact that you felt unwell while you had the fever. I am so sorry to disappoint you and dash your hopes after this month's trial. It was an attempt to get you better without sending you to Hongkong, but as a doctor I feel it is the right thing to do.

I hope you can bring yourself to feel that this last month has not been wasted because of the reading and studying you have been able to do.

I have written to Mr. Dunn about you, posting the letter today.

With best wishes for your recovery which I am sure will be attained,

Yours sincerely,

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B.P. 130/80.

Urine: Albumen + negative
Sugar - negative
Culture - negative

Blood: R.B.C. 5,000,000 (This was probably wrong)

W.B.C. 6,400

Differential Count:

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I feel that Dr. Hamilton has had an obscure infection causing this pyrexia, but I just wonder, supposing the operation in February of this year was for malignant growth, whether a deep metastasis could account for a fever. However she has been resting in bed for seven weeks now and appears to be better and has had no pyrexia for about five days.

I have advised her to continue to rest in bed for another period of 4 weeks.

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Christian Hospital,
Changhue, Taiwan.

2nd January, 1954.

To the Physician in Charge.

Dear Sir,

Dr. Pauline Hamilton has been under my observation from November 3rd, 1953, until the present. She has a history of many months mild pyrexia and debility. Recently she has much improved but still has short bouts of low-grade pyrexia.

As facilities in Formosa are inadequate for a complete investigation of her illness, I am referring her to you. She was originally referred to me by Dr. A.D. Harris of the Happy Mount Leprosy Colony, Tam Sui, Formosa, who is the regular medical adviser to the Mission of whom Dr. Hamilton is a member. Dr. Harris and I have agreed that she should be referred to you.

We would be most grateful if you would carry out a complete investigation of this case, or such investigations as you feel necessary, and give us your advice. I enclose a brief summary of the results of investigations here.

Yours sincerely,

D. Landsborough, M.R.C.P.
Acting Medical Superintendent

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Dear Mr. Landsborough:

Mr. Taylor tells me that you were able to buy Carbolfuchsin powder somewhere in Taipei. I have tried, even at MAAG, and have been unsuccessful. Would you mind just dropping me a line telling me just where you got it. I would appreciate it very much.

Sorry you and your wife are not near enough to join us in our anniversary festivities tomorrow.

Yours sincerely

A. Dorothy Harris