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CEREBRO-SPINAL MENINGITIS.

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THE comparative rarity of cerebro-spinal meningitis will be perhaps considered sufficient reason for publishing the following case. The history has been written by Dr. H. S. Hutchison, House Physician at the Hospital for Sick Children.

CASE.—Lottie R., aged ten, left Winnipeg on Thursday, April 5th, 1900, for Toronto, accompanied by her young brother. Both had been in perfect health, but during the trip her brother seemed drowsy and always thirsty. When they arrived on Sunday he seemed quite bright and well, but on Monday morning he took a severe chill, followed by many others, and by a severe headache. On Tuesday, the 10th, he became wildly delirious, and a herpetic eruption appeared over the eyelids, and on the face and body slightly. Kernig's sign, marked retraction of the head, projectile vomiting, and retraction of abdomen, all followed in the course of the next three days. He died comatose on the 16th. On Thursday, the 12th, Lottie became sick, complaining of languor, headache, and pain and stiffness in her neck.

On the 13th she lay "crouched in a heap," continually burrowing under the pillows with her head, which was aching severely. She had chilly sensations, was drowsy, and irritable. Vomiting occurred, and coryza was present. The conjunctiva of each eye was markedly injected. On Saturday, the 14th, she had a sudden chill, followed by periods of delirium, which lasted for about half an hour. Violent vomiting occurred. Photophobia also came on.