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ACUTE ASCENDING PARALYSIS.—LANDRY'S PARALYSIS.

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THE prevalence of this affection in this city during the past winter makes a discussion of it at this time opportune. The occurrence of cases with well-defined symptoms is rare, but there is a fair number in which the paralysis develops irregularly, while otherwise they closely resemble typical cases of Landry's Paralysis, and are doubtless of the same nature. The first case met with was seen with Dr. Powell in 1892, and I reported it at the meeting of the Association of American Physicians of that year. Since then the cases I have seen have been grouped in three several years—two in 1896, both recovering; two in 1904, both fatal; and three this year, one fatal. In the two seen in 1896 the symptoms were identical, and an abstract of the history of one will suffice.

W. C., aged 27, a carpenter, was admitted to Toronto General Hospital, 13th June, 1896. His previous history was good. On May 31st he was out in a heavy rain storm. Next day on rising he felt a "catching" in both legs which gradually grew worse during the day, and he tired easily. On June 2nd, on drawing up the legs there was a catching sensation and pain in the backs of the thighs. He used a stick in walking, and in the afternoon fell forwards in the street, but was able to get home alone. On June 3rd, his arms became weak. He did not sleep well all week, and he was just able to drag himself about. The bowels were constipated. June 8th, speech became affected, the tongue felt thick and swallow-