

think it was. It must be borne in mind that Miss R—— had been going regularly to school, and was in her usual health up to the 24th of March, the day she visited her friends in this city, and that it was upon this *very day* she drank so much water, and passed so much urine, for *the first time*, and that the 24th was the day following the disappearance of the symptoms which it is fair to suppose marked an unsuccessful effort of nature to establish the catamenia. On the 29th of March, I prescribed for her as before stated. The attack was a slight one, and I am now convinced that the marked prostration of strength, which was out of all proportion to the severity of the catarrhal affection, was due to the impaired nutrition resulting from the glycosuric disease.

I say I am *now* convinced of it; I did not realize it *then*. Unfortunately, her mother did not herself attach any importance to the specific symptoms, and did not therefore call my attention to them. It was not until I saw the patient again, two weeks later, that the proper diagnosis revealed itself, as it were, through the prominence of the objective symptoms. It was too late to do any good *then*, even if treatment would have been of any avail at an *earlier period*—which may be doubted. I believe that the onset of the disease was due to an abortive attempt at menstruation, marked by the symptoms above referred to; and that reflex irritation was conveyed from the congested and unrelieved *ovaries* and *uterus*, through the ganglionic nerves supplying them, to the solar plexus, the semi-lunar ganglion, the splanchnics, and the vaso motor nerves, and, indeed to the whole sympathetic system of nerves presiding over the functions of digestion, secretion, assimilation and circulation. If this condition had been recognized at first, before the morbid impression had become *fixed* and *titanic*, so to speak, *possibly* something might have been done. If the local congestion, the *fons et origo mali*, had been relieved by *local depletion* or by *general revulsives*, arousing and diverting the energies of the ganglionic nerves into other channels, the attack *might* have been frustrated and nervous equilibrium re-established. If such a case presented itself to my notice again I