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ART. XVII.—Case of Rheumatic Endocarditis, terminating in Gangrene of the Lower Limbs. By J. O. Kellogg.

Charles Buck, aged 16, residing in Brock, had enjoyed good health up to Dec., 1849, when, after exposure to cold and wet, he was seized with acute articular Rheumatism, affecting his ankles and extending to the knees and hips. The muscles of the back and cervical region were also affected, so that all movement was attended with severe pain. Palpitation and anxiety of the precordia. He was prescribed for by a Surgeon, and the urgent symptoms were relieved. The mercurial treatment, as near as I could learn, was resorted to, and, in five or six weeks, he was able to go about; and enjoyed tolerable good health up to November, 1850, when, after walking five or six miles, he experienced a second attack-palpitations, anxiety of the precordia, temporary blindness, and forgetfulness, and confusion of mind. I saw him first, Nov. 14, 1850; joints swollen, particulary the ankles; pain on motion intense, shifting to the knee and hip; expression of countenance dull and anxious; complexion sallow; pulse quick and small, but regular; tongue covered with a black thick coat; bowels loose; sleep disturbed, dreams and starts from his bed.