

The mother of this child, æt. 22, primipara, was in good health when admitted to the Montreal Maternity, had an easy and normal labour on November 10th, 1907, had an uneventful puerperium, and was discharged in good condition on November 23rd. She lived in Maison-neuve, on Notre Dame Street East, near the Dominion Park. There had been no sickness in the house previous to her admission, and, so far as I have been able to ascertain, there have been no cases of meningitis in the neighbourhood.

The child, a female, was premature (about 36 weeks), and weighed at birth 2,400 gram. (5.29 lbs). Although it nursed fairly well at the breast, it lost steadily, and on the eighth day weighed 1975 gram. (a loss of 425 gram.). Such a loss for a week or two or even longer is common enough in premature children, and in this case did not attract any attention, for otherwise everything seemed to be going on normally and satisfactorily. On the morning of the eighth day (November 17th) the child was noticed to be extremely restless, crying a great deal and not nursing well. The temperature was 97°, the pulse normal. The following morning the temperature was 103°, and the pulse very rapid (150-200); there were definite spasms of the upper and lower limbs on both sides, both tonic and clonic in character. Throughout the day at intervals opisthotonos was very marked, the pupils were widely dilated, and there was almost constant twitching of the eyeballs. Soon the child refused nourishment, the respirations became laboured and shallow, the face and lips cyanosed, strength and weight rapidly failed, and the lusty cry of the evening before and of the early morning diminished to a feeble wail. Throughout the day the motions were loose and watery. About 7 p.m. the spasms which had been continuous, diminished perceptibly and the child became comatose. The respirations became shallower, the pulse imperceptible, and death occurred at 7.30 p.m. One hour before death the temperature was 104°. There was no evidence of coryza or conjunctivitis, and there was no ear discharge. The disease ran its course in 36 hours.

The seventh regular meeting of the Society was held Friday evening, January 3rd, 1908, Dr. Wesley Mills, President, in the Chair.

PATHOLOGICAL SPECIMEN: ACUTE ENDOCARDITIS WITH MULTIPLE INFARCTS.

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ANEURYSM OF THE ASCENDING AND TRANSVERSE ARCH OF THE AORTA.

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A. G. MORPHY, M.D.—This man came to my office four days before death complaining of dyspnœa but no pain. The dyspnœa was severe,