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ABSTRACT OF A CLINICAL LECTURE ON A CASE
OF EXOPHTHALMIC GOITRE.*

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Gentlemen,—The patient whom I exhibit to-day presents a marked example of exophthalmic goitre, or what is more commonly called Graves-Basedow disease. It is an affection usually described as exhibiting three symptoms. These are exophthalmos, goitre, and increased cardiac action. As we, however, proceed in the investigation of this man's case, we will find that, in addition to the above classical symptoms, there are present others equally as prominent and equally as important.

The patient, aged 31 years, lumberman, complains of great weakness, with palpitation of the heart and shortness of breath on the slightest exertion. He first noticed these symptoms three years ago. He says that he rapidly became thin and weak, and was, in consequence, compelled to give up his work. It was some time—probably six months—before his people remarked that his eyeballs were prominent. He cannot remember when his neck commenced to enlarge. He had syphilis six years ago. In following his occupation he has been exposed to great hardships. There is nothing to be learnt from his family history.

* This lecture was one of the usual clinics on nervous cases conducted during the present summer session of McGill University. The patient was very kindly handed over to me for clinical uses and treatment by Dr. Reid.