

ly marked, and the sickness and vomiting urgent; but the pulse instead of being small and feeble as usual, was large, soft, and easily compressible and jerking on the slightest exertion or emotion, and the patient speedily died."

Dr. Addison reports eleven cases of this disease in his monograph, accompanied by plates exhibiting the appearance which the skin presented in eight of the patients. Since the publication of these cases, six additional ones have been observed in London, and reported by Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson, in the "Medical Times and Gazette." Two cases have been observed in Paris; one by M. Trousseau, the other by M. Cazenave, of the St. Louis Hospital; and one in Nantes by M. Malherbe of the Hotel Dieu. On this continent three undoubted cases of disease of the supra-renal capsules have been diagnosed. Two of them in New York, the third in Montreal. In the September number of the "New York Journal of Medicine," Dr. Isaac E. Taylor has an able article, "on the sunburnt appearance of the skin as an early diagnostic symptom of supra-renal capsule disease; with colored illustrations," in which he reports five cases. Two have terminated fatally, and the post mortem appearances confirmed the diagnosis; three yet remain for confirmation. I agree with Dr. Taylor that the term "sunburnt appearance," particularly in this country, will convey a better idea of the shade of discoloration than that of "bronze," introduced by Mr. Hutchinson.

The following are the particulars of the case noticed in this city, from notes taken by Mr. Thurlowe Cunynghame:—

William Fraser, æt. 28, a native of Scotland, was admitted into the Montreal General Hospital on the 4th July, 1856. On admission, his symptoms and appearance indicated the second stage of phthisis, which a more complete subsequent examination fully confirmed. He states that his occupation having been that of attendant on a saw mill, he was obliged to be frequently in the water, and being exposed to sudden alternations of temperature, he got a severe attack of pneumonia, which kept him in hospital at Three Rivers for two months. When he had recovered from this attack, he returned to his former employment, and caught a second cold, more severe than the preceding one. It was followed by a severe cough and profuse expectoration. He experienced at this time great pain in the region of the kidneys. From the period of this last attack he has been unable, through debility to do anything. He first noticed that his skin was discolored about fifteen months ago, while he was last in Hospital in Three Rivers. It was then more distinct than at any subsequent period, especially on the face, neck and chest.