

nutrition, as defined by Hebra. Dr. Bulkley of New York (Report on Eczema and Psoriasis, International Med. Congress, Phil.) expresses his opinion "that there is no proof that this cell change is really primary in eczema, and independent of constitutional conditions, and that it exists as a local affair." From such deductions, the physiological importance of the skin, in its relation to subjacent parts, cannot be over-estimated. At every stage of life, in rugged health as well as in diseased conditions, we trace the outcome of nature's efforts on the cutaneous surface. Thus the apparently healthy skin of markedly eczematous subjects becomes, both before and after local disease, an interesting field of observation. The most important point, however, is the part the diseased tissues take in eczema, as to primary or secondary significance. Thus far the question is in doubt. It is an interesting analogy to observe how, on the one hand, lingual and buccal psoriasis become transformed into true epithelioma, and, on the other, eczema of the nipple into cancer of the breast. Here, again, we trace analagous pathological bearings between surface and interior. In the unsettled state of the subject, the question of treatment becomes difficult. Practical experience, the outcome of patient and careful observation, will, fortunately, as a general rule, guide and direct the most prudent action under such rare circumstances.

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## A CASE OF TUMOUR OF THE BONES OF THE SKULL PRESSING ON THE BRAIN.

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On the 12th of May, 1882, M. C., aged 58 years, raftsman, came to consult me with regard to a tumour situated in the forehead. The patient, to all appearance, was a strong, robust man, complaining only of this growth that he wished to rid himself of. I could discover no hereditary taint of any kind; he never had syphilis, and always enjoyed perfect health, notwithstanding the twenty years hardship of a shantyman's life. However, within the last seven or eight years, every autumn, he has been subject to neuralgic pains in the course of the right trifacial