

Later the patient should practise walking with his eyes directed to the floor some distance in front of him, and later with them fixed on the horizon. In very severe cases it might be necessary to have a strong belt with handles on it so that attendants may support the patient without grasping his body.

These exercises should be undertaken twice a day, not oftener; in the morning after the massage or the electrical treatment, the exercise in the recumbent posture; in the afternoon the walking exercises. The exercises for the upper extremities are on the same principle and I will not take up the time of the meeting with them. As I have said the results are excellent as a rule, especially in patients who have been accustomed to take active exercise and who are determined to get well. One sees improvement not only in the movements of the limbs, but in sensation generally and in the pains; both these patients who had severe pains, have been practically free from them since their course of treatment. These are not isolated cases. The results are more or less permanent if the patient's occupation does not entail constant overstrain. In any case, if the ataxia does increase again, re-education a second time is always more readily and more quickly carried out. Optic atrophy with blindness is not an unsurmountable obstacle to this treatment if the upper extremities are not ataxic. If the sense of position in them is not lost, with the hand placed on the thigh, even without visual aid the patient can guide the lower extremities in the various movements.

SOME CLINICAL OBSERVATIONS ON EPIDEMIC CEREBRO-SPINAL MENINGITIS.

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The large number of cases of Cerebro-spinal Meningitis occurring in the hospitals of Montreal during the past winter; the prominence given the disease in the recent outbreaks in New York, Dublin, and Glasgow; the universal interest which some of these cases present; as well as the excellent work which has recently been carried out on this disease, have induced me to bring this subject before you.

Although we have been fortunate enough to escape anything of the nature of an epidemic in this country, we have had a large number of sporadic cases, usually appearing singly, but occasionally two or three members of a household have been attacked simultaneously.

I have accumulated reports of 46 cases from the Montreal General Hospital and Royal Victoria Hospital reports during the past eight