

## OCULAR CONDITIONS IN A CASE OF JUVENILE TABES, WITH PRESENTATION OF THE PATIENT.

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The patient I present to the Section was referred to me by Dr. Stewart for examination. Her mother gave the following history. Seven years ago the girl was attending school in Owen Sound, apparently perfectly well. Her age was then thirteen. The first symptom which attracted attention was a swelling of the right side of the neck, but this disappeared in about a month. She then went to school again but had several attacks of vomiting. No cause was ascertained at the time for the vomiting. There were no gastric pains. She attended school for about a month, but began to suffer occasionally from severe pains in the head. These became so violent at times as almost to drive her crazy. She would scream with the pain, get out of bed, throw herself on the floor, go off in a swoon or trance and wake up screaming again. She often vomited during these violent paroxysms.

As there was no improvement and she was getting steadily worse, her medical advisers had her placed in the hospital.

At this time she was able to walk and could see perfectly, so far as her mother observed. She was in the hospital three months, but got gradually worse. At this time the symptoms were of cranial tumor, and a request was made to the mother for permission to operate. Little hope of recovery being held out, the mother would not consent to an operation. She took her daughter home, not expecting her to live. When the girl was taken from the hospital she was quite blind and unable to walk. The pains and vomiting continued for about a month after leaving the hospital. Then they suddenly ceased. This cessation was ascribed by the mother to a certain medicine.

She gradually gained strength, and in two years was able to stand, and gradually became strong enough to walk. When fully recovered she was sent to the Brantford School for the Blind, where she remained three years.

Two years ago she had diphtheria.

*Present Condition.*—She is a healthy looking, well nourished girl of twenty. There is no pain or headache. The functions of the body are carried on normally. No history of specific disease can be obtained.