

obtain in recording cases with greater uniformity of symptoms. The following case illustrates some of the rarer effects observed in this disease, depending on trophic disturbances.

Mrs. M., aged 32, was admitted to the Western Hospital on February 9th, 1895. Complained of inability to walk or stand, numbness in the legs, defective vision, and symptoms referable to the bladder. She was born in England in 1863, coming to Canada in 1883; she was then in good health; she married in 1884, but has not had any children. Some four years after marriage she was treated for a gastric attack which lasted two weeks. She then suffered from some uterine disease, was told she had "ulceration"; there was considerable leucorrhœa. She was treated with internal remedies and local applications for about 3 months; at that time she noticed difficulty in walking.

Besides scarlatina, whooping cough, and measles, has not had any other illness. There is no definite history of syphilis, although some circumstances not noted would lead to the inference that such was not improbable. Her family history is good.

She dates her present illness from the floods of 1888, her house in Griffintown being in the inundated district. Some two weeks after, she complained of shooting pains in both legs; the joints were not swollen. She has not been free from these pains since, but they have been less during the last four months.

In October, 1891, three years after her attack of what she calls rheumatism, while putting a stick of wood in the stove, her right hip suddenly gave away, the leg becoming two inches shorter than the left one. She suffered none, and had no treatment other than rest. Was able to move about until the fracture occurred, although during the two previous years she noted a weakness in the limbs which was gradually becoming more marked, so that she required to lean on a chair or other support in moving about; locomotion was more difficult at night. She describes a sensation as of pricking with pins and needles in both feet, followed later by numbness, which was also progressive. During the last four years has had gastric attacks lasting 7 or 8 days, consisting of pains in the region of the stomach, and vomiting, appearing usually about the menstrual period. About the time of the fracture the eyes gave evidence of disturbed vision. In December, 1894, while trying to get downstairs, she fell, and fractured the left leg. Both fractures occurred above the trochanters in the neck, and were not accompanied by pain, and but slight irritation of the surrounding parts.