

PRIMARY CANCER (ENCEPHALOID) OF THE KIDNEY DURING CHILDHOOD.

THE following case of cancer of the right kidney has been of some interest to me from its extreme rarity in childhood, and it may also be interesting, on that account, to others.

Ellen W., aged five years, is of English parentage. Both father and mother are vigorous and have always enjoyed good health. Upon careful inquiry, however, it appears that a paternal aunt of the patient, when about six years of age, caused considerable interest to be manifested in her by several prominent London physicians concerning the growth of a tumor in her right side, and that, although she had visited several hospitals in that great metropolis, the parents could not obtain a definite diagnostic opinion concerning its precise nature. The tumor, however, is said to have disappeared after lasting about two years, although it had in that period of time obtained such a size as to cause quite a deformity, which was apparent in a photograph submitted to me. Further than this, there is a record of an excellent family history on both mother's and father's side. My patient was the second child in a family of three, and has always been in good health, with the exception of a rather severe attack of entero-colitis in the hot summer of 1879, and, about a year ago, of an attack of remittent fever, which lasted about three weeks, *and was accompanied with diarrhea*. She never had scarlatina.

The first manifestation of her recent illness occurred last December (1882), in the appearance of "a lump on her right side," as her father expressed it. He stated that the child was not sick, but that he felt anxious about this *lump*, as she had fallen down stairs, three months previous, and had struck the very side in question against an upright post during her descent. She com-