

By a happy coincidence I had Engesser's article in Ziemssen on Multiple Sclerosis before me when the patient came in, and the symptoms presented by him corresponded so closely with the description I had just read, that the diagnosis seemed very clear.

The following is the family and personal history: Father and mother dead; had not had any nervous disease. A sister suffers from nervous prostration, and has "attacks," during which she cannot talk. Other brothers (3) and sisters (5) are healthy. Has been engaged in mercantile occupation since 15th year. About five years ago, when in the employ of a West Indian firm in London, the troubles began with difficulty in writing, owing to an inability to hold the pen properly. From the account which he gives the attack seemed very like writer's cramp. It did not, however, prevent him from writing with the right hand for many months, but at last he had to discontinue, and then learnt to write with the left hand, which at this time shook very slightly, and could be steadied by effort. Wrote with this hand for about eight months, and then had to give up on account of the constant oscillation. At this time he could still cut up meat and feed himself, but for the past year the movements have become so increased on attempting any action, and it is only with the greatest effort that the simplest duty can be performed. A glass of water lifted to the mouth is certain to be spilt, and on attempting to take a spoonful of soup or lift a bit of meat on a fork to the mouth, the irregularity of the movement is such that the food is much more likely to reach either ear. It is only within the past year that the movements of the head have come on.

CASE II.—James Bennet, aged 44, an average-sized, dark-complexioned man, was admitted to the General Hospital under my care in May of this year, complaining of inability to walk and a trembling movement of the arms. He has a somewhat dull look, but answers questions intelligently. The following symptoms are presented: When sitting at ease the muscles of the hands are seen to twitch, particularly those of the left, and when the arms are extended, as in the attempt to perform any voluntary action, a shaking tremor begins, consisting in a series of to and fro oscillations, the excursions in the right arm