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## Original Communications.

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### Hereditary Syphilis.\*

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HEREDITARY and congenital syphilis is so frequently seen by every general practitioner in large centres as to offer anything but an interesting subject for discussion as a rule. However, the case which I present to you to-night, I feel certain, is not at all common, though all authorities tell us it is not rare. I mean by this that it is the first case I have had in my own practice in which the visceral lesions have stood out so pre-eminently as to make the case, to me at least, of great interest.

The following history I received from the boy's mother—a well-educated woman, sensible and sharp, and most willing to tell all and everything which might be of any value in the history of the case. The boy's father contracted syphilis ten years ago, was under medical treatment for four years when he died from pneumonia, possibly specific. His condition she describes during that time as dreadful,

\* Read at meeting of Toronto Clinical Society.