

## HODGKIN'S DISEASE.\*

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GENTLEMEN,—In making choice of a subject for the paper which I was asked to read before our society, I was influenced by finding some notes on a case of Hodgkin's disease which I observed during a few months when surgeon to the Los Angeles Polyclinic, and though I must warn you in advance that they are rather scanty and inconclusive, still they may serve "to point a moral or adorn a tale" and engage our minds for a while in the consideration of conditions which, though enveloped in obscurity, still present a glimmer of light here and there allowing us to observe sufficient data on which to form a few definite ideas. The case I refer to is this: On April 8th, 1895, a Swiss, 38 years old, Joe Bisig by name, came to consult me at the polyclinic. He is a large-framed man with well developed muscles, but of pallid complexion; talks rather hoarsely. Twelve years ago he noticed, what he calls, a "little knot" on the left side of his neck, which remained in *statu quo* for eight years. Four years ago when he was working in irrigating ditches, often being in water for several hours at a stretch, he noticed this lump begin to enlarge, a couple of years later he got a hard cough, the gland enlarged still more, and six or seven others enlarged also till a year ago they attained such a size that they interfered with the turning of his head to the left. Some were as large as hen eggs, so he entered St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland, Oregon, and had them removed by Dr. G. A. Smith.

Bisig says he was a little hoarse before the operation and became more so afterwards. Previous to the operation his food often "went the wrong way," making him cough, but since then it stopped doing so. When he coughed after meals it continued till he vomited. Ten years ago he noticed on climbing hills that his breath was shorter than it ought to be, but not enough to interfere with his work. However, four years ago, after the glandular hyperplasia began, his breath became shorter still, and got worse after the operation, though he doesn't think there is any marked difference now. He can walk fast for a block or two, but then becomes winded; feels it most after lifting a heavy weight. Has been pale all his life, like the rest of his family, he says. When in health was above the average in muscular strength. When a boy he tells me he was several times grasped round the neck by "pretty hard fingers." Had gonorrhea a couple

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