

were long and coarse, and we were told that they grew fast. The muscles of the abdomen were large and flabby, which, with the thickened skin, made it difficult for us to examine the liver and other internal organs in a satisfactory manner. The liver, however, seemed to be diminished in size. The stomach appeared to be tender to the touch, but how much of this tenderness was due to the hyperæsthesia of the skin we could not determine. The tendo-patellar reflex was exaggerated. She passes the usual quantity of urine, which we tested several times with the following result: June 21st—Urine slightly acid, dark color; specific gravity 1030; no albumen. July 9th—Reaction slightly acid, color light; specific gravity 1030; no albumen; no sugar. The patient's hands were swollen and the fingers spade-like. The temperature on both sides of the body was identical.

I have not been able to find out any hereditary or other cause for the disease. At my last visit, on Aug. 28th, found Mrs. M. much weaker, though the swelling had very much diminished, and the thickened skin could be easily pinched up. The hungry spells recurred regularly every hour, day and night, consequently she has to be fed twenty-four times in the day. If one hour was omitted, the patient suffered severely from the weakness, trembling and sweating. The pulse was much weaker. The diarrhoea was by no means troublesome. She complained of the slowness of thought; her memory also was much impaired. She had no pain. Hearing was impaired since last examination. She could not stand now. The tongue was somewhat coated, and the patient had been troubled with vomiting, which for the time had ceased. She was low-spirited. The disease is evidently making steady, but slow progress.

*Treatment.*—The patient has been on tonic treatment for more than a year, taking such medicines as iron, arsenic, and sometimes strychnine. On July 21st she was put upon jaborandi in addition, taking forty drops of the fluid extract three times a day. Since that time the swelling has diminished considerably, as already indicated, the girth of the body being over six inches less than it was. The dryness of the mouth has pretty much passed away under the influence of the drug. To the sweating