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## ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS.

*Tubercular disease of the Kidneys and Bladder ; no turbercle in the Lungs ; Ulcer ation and enlargement of the Supra-Renal Capsules ; distinct Bronzing of the skin of Face and Neck, &c., &c. Under the care of D. C. MACCALLUM, M.D., Professor of Midwifery and diseases of women and children, McGill University.*

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Benjamin Heritage, aged 36, was admitted on 4th October into the Montreal General Hospital, under care of Dr. Wright, suffering from a difficulty with his bladder.

His appearance denoted the presence of some exhausting disease, considerable emaciation being evident. His complexion dark, skin yellowish, and eyesight completely gone from some previous inflammation.

HISTORY.—Is a printer by trade, but has likewise worked as a painter in the Western States. Has suffered from lead colic on one or two occasions while engaged in painting.

As to his family history, his father was drowned many years ago, and his mother died of dropsy from some cardiac malady. His grandfathers and mothers lived to advanced ages. One of his sisters died a few years ago of a like disease with his mother, and two brothers have since died of consumption.

Some eight or nine years ago he had intermittent fever, and at this time or soon after experienced symptoms of inflammation of the bladder, being unable to retain his water for more than an hour at the most, and occasionally it was tinged with blood. This bladder derangement soon subsided to a great extent; but when at all unwell it would return with nearly its former vigour.

Three years or thereabouts after, while in St. Louis, the irritation returned, and he went into hospital, where he remained for two months, being discharged at the end of that time greatly improved. It was thought while there that he suffered from