

February 5.—Patient returned to my office this evening. Stated that on the way up, while crossing a street, he had fallen, owing to sudden weakness in his limbs. His condition as noted this evening is as follows: "Numbness in fingers and legs increased; has now also some numbness in swallowing. Is able to walk, but still lifts his feet with an unsteady gait. In replacing them there is much loss of power, it being done apparently with much uncertainty. While testing his walking capacity, in turning he would have fallen had I not caught him. Bowels and bladder quite regular. Is quite conscious when he has the desire to evacuate both, and can eject a stream of urine with some force. Pulse 84, full and regular. Tongue clean and appetite good. Has not any headache; ordered mustard to the whole length of the spine.

February 6.—To-day was sent for, found him sitting in a chair, still complaining of a feeling of weight and numbness in the legs, also numbness in hands and during the act of swallowing. While sitting is able to retract his limbs and strike them out with force, the left better than the right. Able to walk as mentioned in yesterday's report, but has to turn with great care or he will fall. Pulse 82, temp. $98\frac{1}{2}$. Tongue clean and appetite fair.

February 8.—Paralysis seems to be increasing, other symptoms as before. Sensation is good.

February 11.—To-day met Dr. R. P. Howard in consultation. Is now only able to walk with assistance. Gait is unsteady and uncertain, feels his legs of great weight. No feeling of pins or needles in them. Right leg and arm has less power than the left. Some numbness on swallowing, but not very decidedly marked. Reflex action all but lost. Spine examined very carefully, and did not find any point of tenderness. Sensation in both feet almost perfect. Diagnosis uncertain. Suggested chronic inflammation at the base of the brain. Ordered dry cups to the nape of the neck and a mixture containing iodide of potash ten grains, and fluid ext. of ergot (Tilden's) $\mathfrak{z}\text{i}$. every four hours. Has been sitting up, but is ordered to bed.

February 12.—Condition worse than yesterday. Numbness in swallowing very distinct, also especially well marked.