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CASE OF ACUTE DIABETES MELLITUS.

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The following case of diabetes mellitus is of interest, in consequence of the extreme rapidity which marked its course from its inception to its fatal termination, and because it seems to throw a ray of light upon the etiology of the disease:—

The patient who forms the subject of this sketch, Miss R., of Port Dalhousie, was first noticed to be ailing on the 26th day of March last. I was consulted on the following Thursday, the 29th day of the same month. At that time I was informed by her mother that she had been suffering from a cold, in common with many others in the village, a sort of epidemic influenza having been very prevalent throughout the Niagara district during the month of March. No reference was made at this time to unusual thirst, to voracious appetite, or to excessive urination, although I subsequently discovered that the first and last symptoms manifested themselves on the 24th of March, five days before I saw the patient. The mother did not recognize their significance, and consequently made no allusion to them. The patient was said to be weak and languid, but anxious, nevertheless, to go to school to prepare for an approaching examination. General debility, languor, depression, and a feeling of *tiredness* were the symptoms I was asked to prescribe for. I gave a mixture containing citrate of iron and quinine, and Dobell's pancreatic emulsion, with rum and milk. The parents were advised