

GLOSSITIS IN TYPHOID FEVER, WITH REPORT OF A CASE.

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The cases of the occurrence of this complication in typhoid fever reported in the literature appear to be very few, the condition itself being a comparatively rare one. In over 700 cases of typhoid fever treated in the Johns Hopkins Hospital this is the first time that this condition has been found. In the case to be reported it is of especial interest, in that it occurred during convalescence from the original attack and ushered in a relapse.

There are numerous references by the older writers to the association of glossitis with the eruptive fevers. Thus, Kerr, writing on glossitis in a *Cyclopedia of Practical Medicine* published in London in 1833, speaks of "tumefied states of the tongue which occur in typhoid and various fevers attended with an atonic condition of the system." There are numerous references to glossitis coming on during the course of or in convalescence from acute febrile diseases. Clark in his work on the tongue says, "Indeed, slight attacks of intercurrent glossitis are not infrequent in the course of eruptive fevers." But neither he nor Butlin in his "Diseases of the Tongue" refers to any instance in which it occurred with typhoid fever. No reference to the association of the two was to be found in any of the text-books of medicine. Hoffmann in his book on the pathological conditions in typhoid fever does not speak of it. Sorel¹ in his statistics of 871 cases does not report its occurrence, nor Freundlich in a statistical report of cases in Freiburg. Renou² and Gallety-Bosviel,³ in special articles on the tongue and mouth in typhoid fever, do not mention glossitis. The reports of Berg,⁴ Jenner⁵ and Studer,⁶ embracing the reports of the examinations of 1984 cases, do not speak of