

retraction of head, but spasm of flexors continues; swelling leaving the articulations; tongue cleaning rapidly; a liquid stool this a.m.; epistaxis in the night.

11th.—Another good night; perspired freely yesterday; temperature 101 3.5°; pulse, 116; no retraction of head; ham strings and bicipital tendons somewhat tense; still some effusion into both elbows and left knee; clean moist tongue. Omit grey powders, of which he has taken nine. Continue mixture.

12th.—Slept well; temperature, 100 4.5; pulse, 118; tongue a little coated; very little tension of tendons; right elbow more swollen and painful; lies chiefly on right side. Continue mixture, which has been given very regularly unless during sleep.

14th.—Continued and rapid improvement since; appetite very good.

16th.—Found at the hall door in his night shirt. He had been brought down to the parlour, and, hearing a noise at the door, tottered to it to see what was going on. His convalescence was complete and rapid.

This was the first case of so-called "Epidemic Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis" I had ever seen, and appeared to be an example of what has been called the "purpuric" variety, the "Malignant Purpuric Fever" of Stokes. Very soon after, on the 15th May, I had an opportunity of seeing, with Dr. Gardner, in the West end of St. Joseph street, a second case very like the one just related. The subject, a boy aged ten years; the seizure sudden, while in good health; the leading symptoms, early vomiting, pain in head without much heat of scalp, delirium, cerebral oppression, early appearance of petechiæ, then retraction of head, rigidity of posterior crural, abdominal and thoracic muscles, effusion into one ankle-joint, followed by comatose and typhoid symptoms, and death in the eighth week.\*

On the 26th of the same month, in consultation with Dr. Fuller, a third case of the disease came under observation; this time three miles beyond the city proper, and upon the Lower Lachine road. It resembled, in most of its features, the two cases already described. A healthy boy, between eight and ten years old, suddenly seized with severe illness, early emesis, pain in the head without great heat of scalp, more or less stupor, then retraction of the head, and severe pains in various parts of the body, but neither cutaneous extravasations nor articular effusion. This case recovered.

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\* This and a second case were admirably reported by Dr. Gardner at the same meeting at which this paper was read.