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REPORT OF A CASE OF ADDISON'S DISEASE.

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J. J. L., admitted Dec. 22; died Dec. 29, 1899. Diagnosis, Addison's disease. Aged 38 years; born in England; machinist by trade, but has been at sea much of his life.

Family History.—Father living and healthy, aged 68; mother dead at 38, of spinal caries, ill six years; one brother living, aged 40, suffers from chronic bronchitis; one sister living, aged 36, had glands in neck operated upon twice.

Personal History.—Had diseases of childhood; pneumonia of right lung when 19; when 9 used to have attacks of severe vomiting and diarrhea about spring-time. Says he had an attack of malaria, which he got during a trip to Australia; was laid up nine weeks. Denies ever having cough, and says he never took cold easily. Says he has always been subject to headaches.

Habits.—Has used tobacco and alcohol excessively for many years, especially the latter. Entirely ceased drinking four months ago.

Present illness.—Began about twelve months ago, with headache, nausea and vomiting, which troubled him only in the morning, disappearing on going about. He very soon began to feel excessively weak and languid, so that he could hardly drag himself home at night. At this time he also began to suffer from