

## CASES IN PRACTICE.

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## A CASE OF MULTIPLE MELANOTIC SARCOMA.

J. T., aet. 52, born in Ireland; occupation, farmer; admitted to Toronto General Hospital, Dec. 6th, 1878. History of present attack:—Some weeks ago the patient, after a long walk, experienced a good deal of pain in the right groin, and, on examination, found three swellings, irregular in shape, and each the size of a pigeon's egg. During the previous August he noticed on the outer side of the right thigh a tumour, which afterwards became a cauliflower excrescence about the size of a large bean. A few weeks before admission he first consulted a physician, principally on account of the state of his bowels, which were obstinately constipated. The tumours in the groin had not increased much in size up to the time of his admission into the Toronto Hospital. Since then, however, they have increased very rapidly, and have become painful and tender on pressure. During the past week there have appeared on different parts of his body, in the subcutaneous tissue, several small tumours, varying in size from a pin's head to that of a pea. His appetite has failed, and he is rapidly losing flesh. His health previous to the onset of the present disease has been good.

*Family History.*—Parents lived to an old age. He has several brothers and sisters who are in good health. He had a family of six children, all healthy. He has been a hard-working, temperate man.

*Present Condition.*—He is very tall and much emaciated. On the surface of the body there are several small, dark tumours, some existing in the subcutaneous areolar tissue, and others in the corium. They were situated as follows:—(1) Right inguinal region, 3; umbilical, 3; right lumbar, 3; epigastric, 3; right infra mammary, 3; right mammary, 3; right arm, 1; left arm, 1; left infra clavicula, 4; left mammary,

1; left infra mammary, 1; left axilla, 4; left lumbar, 3. There were in all thirty-three tumours. The viscera of the thorax were normal so far as could be made out by physical examination. There is no marked or general enlargement of the lymphatic glands. The patient left the Hospital on the day following that on which his history was taken, viz., Dec. 17th. From a letter, received from his wife some time afterwards, I learned that the patient went down rapidly after leaving the Hospital, and died during the month of February.

*Remarks.*—The earliest manifestation of the disease, so far as is shown by the history, was on the outside of the right thigh, and existed in the form of a cutaneous tumour, which rapidly assumed the form of a cauliflower excrescence. The disease spread rapidly, the internal organs becoming affected, as was shown by the emaciation, and loss of strength. The disease ran a more rapid course than is usually the case in sarcoma of the skin.

## PSORIASIS FOLLOWING URTICARIA PAPULOSA.

This case came under observation in August, 1881, when the following notes were taken:—E. B., aet. 13, has been quite healthy with the exception of present disease. About six years ago a rash appeared on the skin during the summer months which gradually went away when the cold weather came. During the following spring the skin was again affected. It has thus attacked the patient each spring, existing to a greater or less extent in the summer, and disappearing in the winter. It lasts usually from the middle of March until the latter part of October. It begins over the extensor surfaces, especially of the forearm, gradually spreading to the flexor surfaces and to other parts of the body. At present (August 20th, 1881) the rash is thicker, and more irritable in appearance over the hips than over the other parts, but exists more or less over the whole surface of the body. It is