

Clinical Lecture.

CATARRHAL JAUNDICE.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

We have before us for consideration to-day a case of jaundice, which, as you are aware, is not a disease in itself, but a symptom, present in a number of distinct affections pertaining to the liver and its ducts, and their surroundings. Hence a correct diagnosis in any case of jaundice is of the first importance, and before coming to a conclusion, all the principal organs of the body must be interrogated. And I would here reiterate what I have not infrequently endeavored to impress upon you: on taking charge of any case of illness, make a thorough examination of every organ in the body before making and declaring your diagnosis. By doing so, you will do much to avoid mistakes, and often discover an unexpected condition, the early recognition of which may be of the greatest moment to the patient. This young man was admitted to the hospital about a week ago, and had been ill about a week before coming in. From the clinical report taken on Nov. 6th, we learn that the patient is 19 years of age, and has been occupied as a school teacher, has always been temperate, and takes good care of himself. He complains of a feeling of weight and soreness in the region of the stomach, with pains there at intervals which last sometimes for several hours; there is nausea and a sensation of dizziness on standing; he is dull and dejected, and feels in a condition of general malaise. Before coming in he had attacks of vomiting each time after taking food. These symptoms were accompanied by chilliness, frontal headache and anorexia, and jaundice appeared some 4 or 5 days before entering the hospital. The patient has always been healthy, not having