

A CASE OF TUMOR OF THE BRAIN.

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R. P., aged 27, female, was admitted to Toronto General Hospital on Dec. 18th, 1909.

Complaint.—(1) Attacks during which patient became numb in left side; (2) Headache; (3) Vomiting; (4) Weakness of left arm and leg and inability to walk; (5) Dimness of vision with occasional double vision.

Family History.—Uneventful.

Personal History.—Born in Plattsville, Ont., and has always lived in Ontario. Attended school until fifteen years of age, good student. Did housework in the country till six years ago, when she came to Toronto, where she has been employed as bookkeeper. Worked up till three weeks ago. Surroundings have always been comfortable and hygienic. Drinks tea moderately. Uses no alcohol.

Past Illnesses.—Had measles and whooping cough when a child; inflammation of the lungs when thirteen years of age (lasted one week). While attending school suffered from one-sided headaches associated with vomiting, which were diagnosticated migraine. Of late years these attacks have been infrequent. During the last ten years patient has had leucorrhœa. No evidence of hereditary or acquired syphilis.

Present Illness.—The present illness began about a year and a half ago, with ill attacks of the following nature: Patient first felt in the left "side" a numbness which travelled down to the thigh and leg, and then up again, the left arm and down to left side of tongue. At the same time the left side of the face would twitch. Patient was dizzy during the spell. The attack would last from 10 to 15 minutes. These attacks were repeated for a while once a week, later once a day, and still later once a month. During the last two months patient had been free from the attacks. These attacks did not interfere with her work. Only once, about three months ago after an unusually severe attack, was she compelled to stop work for the day.

The headaches and weakness of the left side began about six months ago. Until three weeks ago the headaches were not severe.