

*A Case of Melano-sarcoma of the Choroid.* BY DR. A. PROUDFOOT.

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GENTLEMEN,—I venture to read this paper before you, this evening, not from any peculiarity in the case itself; or from its great rarity; but from the extreme importance of an early diagnosis in such cases; as they generally endanger, if they do not destroy the life of the patient.

Therefore, the more familiar we are with them, the more likely we shall be to discover them in their earliest stage and give the patient a chance for life, by at once removing the eye.

On December 4th I was consulted by Mrs. C. æt 45, the wife of a well-to-do farmer from the United States, on account of almost entire loss of vision in the right eye. Mrs. C. was the mother of three children; had usually enjoyed pretty good health, though subject to attacks of sick-headache. About two years ago she first noticed a slight weakness of the right eye; but it was unaccompanied by pain, and therefore gave her but little uneasiness. For the last year she had been losing the sight of the eye; in August she first applied to her family physician for relief; he diagnosed incipient cataract and put her upon a course of tonics. The sight, however, gradually decreased until she came into this city to consult me. In September (three months ago) she first experienced great pain in the eye; it had lately become so severe that it kept her awake at night, making her at times, to use her own expression, "almost crazy." It was of a shooting character and extended from the eye across the right side of the head and down into the neck. The paroxysms of pain were intermittent, coming on usually every other night; the patient being comparatively comfortable and free from pain during the interval. On examination I found the tension normal in both eyes, the iris in the left eye was of a light blue color and the pupil of natural size, while the pupil of the right eye was of