

There was marked optic neuritis, followed by complete blindness. Large doses of iodide of potash were given, but the patient did not improve. The patient died. Her attendant at this time secured a post-mortem and sent the specimen which Dr. MacMahon presented. The tumor (probably a sarcoma) involved the right and middle lobes of the cerebellum.

Dr. R. A. Reeve said he had examined the case in the hospital and found double optic neuritis, but he could not recall the data. Double optic neuritis occurs in the great majority of cases of coarse brain lesions, notably in lesions of the cerebellum. The importance of using the ophthalmoscope could not be dwelt upon, despite the fact that there are a few exceptions to the general rule. Dr. Reeve reported on the condition of the fundus of the eye. There was a well-marked papillitis. This was usually a symptom in such tumors, although there were exceptions.

Dr. Parsons, who saw this case, made some remarks on its clinical aspects. He gave an explanation why there was weakness of the limbs on the same side as the tumor, viz., an implication of the fibres (described by an Italian observer) which pass from the corpus dentatum across and exert a sort of controlling influence on the motor area of the opposite side.

Dr. Wm. Oldright reported a case of four months' duration in a woman from whom he had removed a carcinoma of the breast. Two tumors were found in the cerebellum, one one and a half inches in diameter, the other somewhat smaller.

Dr. Stafford read a paper upon melancholia, in which he carefully outlined the clinical history of the disease, and pointed out the bearing which it has upon general constitutional disorder. The course of the symptoms through the various stages of the malady were followed, and the treatment at present in vogue was referred to. Great accentuation was laid upon the risks from suicide and the advisability of confinement in an institution.

This paper was discussed by Drs. Oakley, H. H. Oldright, Wm. Oldright and Webster, Dr. Stafford closing the discussion.

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