

condition. Appears stupid and helpless; unable to sit up; pupils large and fixed, sclerotic uninjected, strabismus, with oscillation of eyeballs; moderate retraction of head, skin presents a peculiar, light scarlet blush, from capillary injection, a scratch is soon followed by a line of deeper redness, as if the capillaries had become suddenly enlarged ("tache cerebrale"); no rigidity of extremities, face pale; features vacant.

The retraction of the head had been noticed first on the 16th. The emesis has not returned, bowels move once or twice daily; urine is passed in bed; pulse small and feeble—120-130.

To have beef-tea, a teaspoonful of wine hourly, and the following mixture: R. Potass. Bromidi, dr. ss.; Potass. Iodidi, dr. i.; Digitalis Tinct., dr. i.; Syrupi Aurantii, $\frac{3}{4}$ i.; Aquæ ad., $\frac{3}{4}$ iv. A teaspoonful every three hours. An ointment of the Red Iodide of Mercury, with Extract of Belladonna, to be rubbed down the spine every four hours, and, if scalp grows hot, ice to be applied.

21st.—Rigidity of legs set in yesterday afternoon and continues at intervals to-day, left great toe is extremely extended at times; no herpes nor articular swelling, slept in snatches last night; head not particularly warm; pulse, 150—weak, small, and irregular. Continue treatment.

22nd.—General tetanic spasms seized arms and legs yesterday, and have recurred at intervals since. In these attacks, the back, arms and legs became rigidly extended, the feet extended and adducted, the left hand clenched and pronated, pulse very small and frequent, child cannot last long. Death ensued during the night.

There is some room for question as to the true nature of this case, but I have myself no doubt that it was not an example of that common affection Tubercular Meningitis. It may have been an instance of that comparatively rare disease of which I have seen a few cases, Sporadic Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis, but, in view of the recent occurrence of several cases of "Epidemic Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis," it is not improbable that it was an example of the "Simple" form of the latter affection—that in which purpuric symptoms are wanting.

As to the nature of this so-called "Epidemic Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis," the opinion now generally held by pathologists, that it is a peculiar form of fever and not merely a local inflammation, is