

the approach of wet weather. These continued till about six years ago, when they suddenly and completely ceased, and have not recurred, although she has undergone a great deal of mental and physical suffering, consequent on the sudden death of her husband, the illness of her daughter, and cataract of both eyes, which has rendered her unable to go about alone for the last two or three years, until they were operated on by Dr. Connell a couple of months ago. As illustrating the nervous origin of this case, it may be mentioned that one of her daughters suffered from asthma until after her marriage, when she removed to Calgary, where she was free from it, but suffered again while in Kingston two years ago, and I am told she still has occasional attacks at Fort Macleod, where she is now resident. Another daughter for many years suffered from a form of hysterical vomiting after meals, unassociated with pain or any other indication of disease of the stomach. In the above case I could detect no apparent cause for the cessation of the disease, as it took place several years subsequent to the menstrual climacteric, and there was no change of residence or habits to account for it.

The origin of the disease is as perplexing often as its cessation. Many patients can assign no cause whatever for the first attack, yet having once become subject to it the disease persists, and this first attack is often abrupt and complete, and as severe and characteristic as any subsequent ones. I have noted a few cases illustrative of this.

W.B., æt. 36. Car inspector on Grand Trunk. First attack three years ago. Previously healthy. Family history free from asthma. Attacks most common during July and August; not influenced by weather. For the rest of the year is free from any tendency, and can work as much as any man, but while subject to attacks will certainly have one if obliged to work hard immediately after a meal. If he can rest for an hour will not have one. Find attacks more likely to occur after certain articles of food, especially meat.

Mrs. G.H.B., æt. 37. First attack seven years ago. Has had asthma every year since during the summer, the attacks usually beginning during June and lasting until the frost sets in. This year (1894) attacks did not begin till August 10. They are induced and aggravated by food of any description, however small in quantity; even the white of an egg, or a sip of milk, or a mouthful of bread, will cause a feeling of a load in the stomach and aggravation of the asthmatic paroxysm. She is consequently obliged to nearly starve herself, and during her asthmatic season becomes very thin and emaciated. Her residence is in a marshy neighborhood. Has been told that she has gastric catarrh, and been given pepsin and other digestive aids, but without benefit. Has been told to avoid starchy, saccharine, and greasy foods, but has not found that the first two have any special tendency to cause attacks.