

TWO CASES OF BLASTOMYCETIC DERMATITIS, ONE OF WHICH WAS CURED BY IODID OF POTASSIUM.*

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I WISH to place on record before this Association notes of the two following cases of blastomycosis which have already been exhibited several times to the Montreal Medico-Chirurgical Society.

Jas. S., 38, married, came to the dermatological clinic at the Montreal General Hospital in the month of March, 1900, with considerable ulceration of the face and nose. The disease began seven months before (August, 1899) as two small papules on the right ala of the nose. The papules were hard and flattened, of a pale red color, and, he says, never became pustular. Gradually these papules enlarged into tubercles, the lower one spreading downward and the upper one outward. The skin over the area which the growth invaded became raw and ulcerated, the ulceration going deeply and destroying the right ala nasi and part of the upper lip. The edge of the ulcer was red and inflamed with a gray sloughy base, and small abscesses appeared at intervals, and this ulceration caused him considerable pain. The ulceration gradually extended until it involved both cheeks, the whole nose, and part of forehead and upper lip.

When I saw him first both alæ nasi and part of the upper lip were destroyed by ulceration and on both cheeks continuous with the nose was a large, bat's-wing shaped scar with a raised ulcerating edge. At the right and lower edge of the eruption the ulceration was still extending and here there was much reddening and thickening with intervening patches of ulceration. Irregularly over the scar area were scattered small ulcerations from the size of a grain of wheat to the size of a large pea.

The patient had always been a healthy man, never had syphilis and shows no signs of it anywhere; has several children, all perfectly healthy, and wife never had a miscarriage. I saw the children and wife and they all were quite healthy; there is no history of tuberculosis. He had been treated with tuberculin on the supposition that the disease was lupus at one hospital for a month, but no reaction or bene-

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