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SOME CARDIAC PHENOMENA OBSERVED IN TYPHOID FEVER.*

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Mr. President and Gentlemen:—Through the kindness of Dr. MacDonnell, I am permitted to bring before your notice the two following cases, which were admitted into his wards in the Montreal General Hospital, and so came under my immediate observation as his House Physician. They are two cases of typhoid fever, which would be classed as mild and uninteresting, were it not for certain cardiac phenomena which they presented.

Their histories are as follows:—

CASE I.—Mary M., aged 23, a servant, came into hospital on the 7th day of her illness. With the exception of an attack of smallpox at 2 years of age, she had always enjoyed good health.

On admission, her temperature was 102°; pulse, 100; and respirations, 28. Examination of lungs and heart yielded negative results. The abdomen was tumid with marked tenderness, with gurgling in the right iliac fossa. No typhoid spots were seen and the spleen was not enlarged.

On the 11th day of the fever, typhoid spots appeared. There was no tympanites, and bowels moved only by enemata.

Up to the 18th day the case progressed favorably; the temperature for the previous week rarely going above 102°; the bowels still moving only by enemata; and there being no tympanites or excessive abdominal pain.

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