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Is There Such a Disease as Glandular Fever?

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AN answer in the affirmative to the above question, I fear, cannot be given intelligently by the profession generally, judging from the meagre amount of literature on the subject, and its entire absence from even recent standard works on medicine and pediatrics, which have been within my reach to examine. Such being the case, I hope, will be sufficient apology for the following.

In the beginning of August last, I was called to see a boy about six years old. The temperature was $103\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, pulse 136° , vomiting, loss of appetite, headache, constipation, a very thick white coating on the tongue, soreness over the body when moved or touched, lymphatic glands on the left side swollen very large and very painful. The swelling was situated distinctly at the upper part and posterior border of the sterno-cleido-mastoideus muscle; the parotid or sub-maxillary glands remained throughout unaffected. A similar swelling was commencing on the opposite side, which afterwards developed