

A CASE OF SYPHILITIC SPLENOMEGALY RESEMBLING
BANTI'S DISEASE.*

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H. P., aged 33 years, Lake Captain. Father died at 67 years of age from heart trouble; mother living and well, aged 69. Four brothers and two sisters living and well; one sister dead from Grave's disease.

The patient was a strong, vigorous man, weighing 205 lbs.; has used tobacco and alcohol, but both moderately.

Had two or three attacks of gonorrhoea ten years or more ago but no history of syphilis. In the autumn of 1907 he suddenly lost 25 lbs. in weight, but otherwise felt quite well. For the past six or seven years he has suffered occasionally from attacks of severe diarrhoea, lasting about a week, but had no attack during last year. He had a persistent jaundice during the winter of 1909, but no pain, chills, sweats or vomiting. For some years his weight has remained about 172 lbs., and in the intervals of his diarrhoeal attacks he has felt quite well.

A year ago he began to suffer from severe headache, referred to the left side of the forehead. This lasted for three weeks, then disappeared for three weeks but returned and has persisted until the time I first saw him with Dr. A. MacKay on Feb. 27th, 1914. The pain extended so as to involve the left side of the forehead, face, jaw and back of head on the left side. At times he suffered very much. A year ago following a blow on the right leg, some ulcers appeared which did not heal for six months and left deeply pigmented scars. In October, 1913, his appetite began to fail and he began to develop anaemia. The liver and spleen were found to be much enlarged. The scrotum became swollen and oedematous—mostly in the skin which was tense and glossy. The skin became yellowish tinted, but there was not much discoloration of the conjunctiva. Ten days before I saw him his left thigh, leg and knee began to swell. There was no redness and not much pain, but the knee was stiff from synovial effusion, and there was pitting of the skin of the leg. He had occasional attacks of chills and sweats during the past winter.

At the time of my examination on February 27th his condition was as follows:—

He is a large framed man, somewhat emaciated; looks pale with a

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