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## CASES OF CEREBELLAR DISEASE.

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CASE I.—On the 20th Nov., '82, about breakfast time, I was called to see a young lady, aged 19, who, I was told, had just had a fainting fit of some kind, which she had not come out of up to that time. On arriving at the house, within a few minutes, I found her lying dead on the sofa. It appears she had arisen at the usual hour and expressed herself as being quite well, in reply to her mother, who awakened her with her customary morning salutation. She came down stairs to breakfast, perfectly well, and went to the front window to look out at the passers-by whilst her parents went in to their breakfast. After waiting a few minutes, and not finding her coming to the table, her mother came into the room and found her lying on the sofa. In reply to the question what was wrong, she said "I have such a frightful pain in my head, I cannot stand it." Then she said she was going to vomit, which she did, and after that she expressed herself as being easier. Her mother returned to the breakfast-table, and coming back in a few minutes to inquire how she felt, found her as I saw her on my visit—dead.

I asked for a post-mortem examination, but did not like to press it then. A fortnight after interment, however, the parents consented. The autopsy was made by Dr. Osler, with the assist-