

WAS IT A TRAGEDY?

Lamentable Death of Two Young Ladies and the Narrow Escape of the Third.

On Monday morning the young ladies called at the office of a prominent New York physician. The young lady was fair of face, graceful of form, with a complexion indicating health, and yet her mother said there was every indication to her that she was the prey of some mysterious disorder.

At her request the physician made a searching examination. Nothing was discovered. At the importunities of the mother, another physician made with the same result. In less than three months the young lady was dead.

In the same city another prominent physician was visited recently by a young lady of attractive appearance, of refined manners, and of a most interesting history.

She had scarcely stated her case when her lips quivered, her face paled, her arms dropped to her side, and she was dead. She died along with her physician, and a post-mortem examination showed that her death was caused by a convulsion, and the voice of slanders was hushed. These are facts which can be substantiated if need be.

Medical science does not tell us all we ought to know. It is a satisfaction for us that death must have been caused by a disease which is a great mystery and which is a sad commentary on present human attainments that death is the only key which in many cases can unlock the depths of this mystery.

There is something more to be dreaded than death, more to be feared than consumption, which is preying upon the health of our young people, because, unlike them, its approach is insidious, and we know of its presence only by the death it brings. Mr. Charles E. Stephens, the well-known expert at 1223 Third Street, Louisville, Ky., had an experience somewhat similar to the mother whose case is above related. His daughter, when but nine years of age, seemed suddenly to droop. She was exceedingly languid, was frequently prostrated with headaches and nervous depression, and the feeling of extreme fatigue grew upon her constantly.

She could retain nothing on her stomach; she bloated so that she measured 45 inches around the waist, and it seemed that she would go mad with agony. Every month she got worse and worse and finally, as death seemed to be obtaining the mastery, she alarm her case as a tragedy, and was telegraphed to a prominent New York specialist, who, after due deliberation went back that everything possible had been done and that she could not recover. In three months from that time, however, she began to amend, and in a few weeks she was clothed with health and in her right mind.

In the first case mentioned, death was caused by what is called Bright's disease of the kidneys, in the second it was found that uric acid poisoning, caused by the same disease, produced the fatal convulsions, and in the third case death was threatened by the same disease, but was averted, when every other means failed, by Warner's Safe Cure. This result was accomplished three years ago, and the hope of time had shown that it was not a mere temporary cure.

It is evident that medical men do not know everything, and yet how strange it is that people credit them with omniscience and die in the delusion. "I am not surprised," says a candid physician, "when I know the ignorance and inability of the profession concerning such disorders, that that compound is doing such effective work. If it can accomplish what we cannot, people are very foolish if they do not resort to its use."

It seems to us that these three cases convey a lesson and a lesson of a nature proceeding which parents and young people cannot afford to ignore.

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