

CYSTS OF THE CEREBELLUM.

DR. W. B. HADDEN (Cavendish Square, W.) writes: In your report of my paper on Cyst of the Cerebellum read before the Pathological Society, and published in the JOURNAL of December 21st, I referred to a similar case recently recorded by Dr. Major. The explanation of the origin of these cysts, to which I alluded, was made by Mr. Althorp, of Leeds, not by Mr. Shattock, as reported in your columns.

DENGUE AND INFLUENZA.

SURGEON E. J. ERSKINE RISK (Milton Barracks, Gravesend) writes to point out the resemblance in certain respects of the epidemic at present prevailing in Europe with the rapid course and spread, the frontal or occipital headache, great aching in the eyeballs, fever, general *malaise*, rheumatic pains in back, joints, and limbs, and the complications as in dengue, namely, catarrh, swelling of the lymphatic glands, etc., and it will, perhaps, have been noticed to be followed by more or less anæmia or debility.

It would be interesting to know if a rash has been noticed in this epidemic, general and diffused, bright red, especially on chest and abdomen, as in dengue, lasting from one to three days, disappearing on pressure, and sometimes followed by great skin irritation and desquamation, especially of the palmar aspects of the hands and feet. The onset is sometimes very sudden. In my own case I felt quite well in the morning and had a good appetite for breakfast, and during the time I was walking back to my bungalow in the Punjab, a distance of less than a mile, great frontal and occipital headache came on and spread down the spine, with throbbing and burning of the eyeballs, and fever.

Dengue fever has been noticed to both follow and precede outbreaks of both yellow fever and cholera. In 1886 dengue was very prevalent amongst the soldiers in garrison in Umballa, Punjab, and was followed in the next year (1887) by an outbreak of cholera, chiefly in the native city. I should say this was merely a coincidence, though a belief does prevail as to its being a precursor of the more serious epidemic. The treatment found most successful was belladonna extract in quarter-grain doses, t.d.s., or nearly as good results from a mixture of bromide of potassium gr. x and quinine gr. v, t.d.s.

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