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Analysis of Thirty-two Cases of Graves's Disease occurring at the Manchester Royal Eye Hospital.

Sex.—Females 29, males 3 = 32.

State.—Single 20, married 12 = 32.

Ages at commencement of symptoms.—Under 20, 3; 20 to 30, 16; 30 to 40, 8; 40 to 50, 5 = 32. (About 50 per cent. were thus between 20 and 30.)

1. Symmetry of Eyes.

Bilateral 25, or 78 per cent.; right eye 4, or 12.5 per cent.; left eye 3, or 9.5 per cent. = 32.

Right eye only.

No. 4.—F., doubtful enlargement of thyroid. Under observation two years. No change.

No. 22.—F., both eyes and both sides of neck originally affected; the left eye and left side of neck got better.

No. 25.—F., no goitre, the right had better vision than the unaffected eye. Astigmatism in both eyes.

No. 30.—F., goitre small, more on right side. Vision 6, a trifle better in left eye.

Left only.

No. 21.—M., slight diminution of movements in every direction. Slight injection. No goitre. Got better in nine months. It is doubtful if this is a case of Graves's disease.

No. 29.—F., Graefe's and Stellwag's signs, both present. No goitre. Vision $\frac{6}{6}$ in affected eye, $\frac{6}{6}$ in the sound eye.

No. 27.—M., Graefe and Stellwag's signs, both present. No goitre. Vision $\bar{c} - 3$ D. $= \frac{6}{12}$. Other eye also $\frac{6}{12}$ $\bar{c} - 3$ D. cyl. Nebula on cornea of unaffected eye.

2. Retraction of Upper Lid (Stellwag).

Present 19 (of these 3 showed also retraction of lower lid); absent 3 (of which 2 showed retraction of lower lid and the other had well-marked proptosis); not noted 8; and in two there was retraction of lower lid only = 32.

I do not know if retraction of the lower lids is at all common, but I have not seen it mentioned in any reported cases. It will be seen I have noted its presence in 3 cases, along with the much commoner symptom of the upper lid, and in 2 cases it occurred in the absence of a similar condition in the upper lid.

Dr. Dixon Mann noted that some of the cases seemed to show an increased cupping of the lower lid when the patient looked down, and in Cases 29 and 30 this was unmistakeably the case, for being monocular cases we were enabled to satisfy ourselves by a comparison of each eye.

In this connection I wish to refer to another interesting condition noted by Dr. Mann in Case 20. The patient, who had both eyes affected, but the right to a greater extent, had the left eye apparently on a lower level than the right, and the whole of the left side of the face was also lower; it looked, as Dr. Mann said, like partial paralysis of the left seventh nerve. I afterwards, in Case 30, a monocular case, noted that the right or affected eye seemed on a slightly lower level than the left, and when the patient looked well down there could not be the slightest doubt that this was the case. There was no diplopia or deviation on covering either eye, so that the visual axes must have been directed to one point, and the eyes must have been on different levels.

3. Loss or Impairment of Consensual Downward Movement of Upper Lid (Graefe).

Present 6, absent 4, not noted 22 = 32.

Absent 4 times.

No. 4.—Monocular case. Well-marked protrusion, but no retraction.

No. 7.—Male, well-marked retraction.

No. 11.—Well-marked retraction, both lids.

No. 24.—Well-marked retraction.

We have here three cases in which, on account of the marked retraction, the edge of the cartilage did not fit into the sclero-corneal sulcus, and yet the upper lid followed quite closely the downward movement of the eyeball. I should be much interested to know if Dr. Gowers can reconcile these cases with his theory of the consensual movements of the upper lid.

4. Goitre.

Bilateral 16 (of these 3 were more marked on right side, in 4 "hammering of carotids," and in 3 a thrill was noted in the swelling), right side 2, absent 14 = 32.

Right sided, 2.

No. 14.—Both eyes affected.

No. 22.—Right eye only.

5. Vision.

Normal $(\frac{6}{6})$ 20, subnormal, 12 (of these 12, in 2 the defective sight was certainly not due to errors of refraction or intraocular disease; in the remaining 10 it was due to nebula corneæ, high degree of myopic astigmatism, &c.).

Refraction.—E. or slight H. 24, high H. 1, M. 4, astig. 3 = 32.

State of fundi.—Normal 28, abnormal 4. Of these 4, 2 monocular high myopia, both had binocular exophthalmos, 1 "corkscrew" veins, 1 glistening striated patch at upper and outer part of one disc.

Two cases of amblyopia.

No. 23.—V. 1 J., $\frac{6}{18}$ each eye, in eight months V. $\frac{6}{6}$ each eye. Minute ulcers of corneæ, recurrent.

No. 26.—R. $\frac{6}{18}$, L. $\frac{6}{12}$, in two months R. $\frac{6}{12}$, L. $\frac{6}{9}$. Fields, colour fields, colour, p. l. and refraction normal.

6.—Spontaneous arterial pulsation was looked for in every case and was not found once, but in 4 cases there is no note.

I need not say that the direct method was always employed. If it is not wandering from the subject, I should like to put the question if spontaneous arterial pulsation is often met with in normal eyes or in other cases than glaucoma or aortic regurgitation, for I have not, to my knowledge, seen a single case. Perhaps I ought to say that I consider venous pulsation to be quite common in normal eyes.

7. Illness at Date of Commencement of Eye Symptoms.

cases also diarrhœ	di)			4.	- 27
"Liver complaint"					
Severe cough with v	omiting				
Rheumatic fever .					
"Lost flesh".					
Sleeplessness and he	adache				
Post-nasal catarrh	-				
Menstrual disorders					1.
Symptoms came on t	hree m	onths	after	marri	age
No general symptom	s at con	nmei	nceme	nt .	

It is very striking the large proportion, about 40 per cent., in which the disease was dated from a severe gastric illness, characterised by very frequent vomiting with great prostration, the patients in many cases being confined to bed for days and not even able to retain a glass of cold water. Attacks of diarrhœa were also common in some of the cases.

In 4 cases there was troublesome injection of the conjunctiva. In 2 the symptoms came on, or at least were first noticed, when attending for slight corneal ulceration, and in 1 of these there was right facial neuralgia, and on

one occasion she lost the power of speech and the right side of the body for a few minutes. In one case there was great mammary development and loss of hair, and in another brown pigmentation of the eyelids.

8. Nervous Condition.

"Felt as if she would choke"		1
Distinct hysterical attack		1
Easily frightened and nervous		2
"Fussy" behaviour very marked		1
Often flushed up and changed colour .		1
Heart-sounds.—		
Anæmic 3, aortic systolic 3, mitral systolic		
3, aortic regurgitant 1	10	
Normal sounds	10	
Not noted (but all were at least once ex-		
amined and some several times, so they		
would all be under normal)	10	

Radial pulse tracings (Pond's sphygmograph).

Twenty-six tracings were taken. An attempt was made to classify them according to their characteristic features with the following results:

In 10 the arterial tension appeared normal.

In 10 ,, was abnormally low. In 6 ,, high.

In 16 the pulse-rate was above 72 per minute; and of these in 13 the pulse-rate was above 100 per minute; out of which, in 6 the pulse-rate was between 140 and 144 per minute.

In 4 tracings there was dichrotism more or less pronounced.

In 4 tracings the respiratory curve was more noticeable than usual.

In 2 cases the tracings were irregular, the heart's action

being rapid and tumultuous. The tension in both these cases was low.

Goitre was present in 70 per cent. of the cases in which the tension was low.

Goitre was present in 50 per cent. of the cases in which the tension was normal.

Goitre was present in 33.3 per cent. of the cases in which the tension was high.

The greater number of the cases which were of less than twelve months' duration at the time the tracings were taken came under the classes of normal and low tension.

Sugar in urine.—In 2 cases, the one a trace, the other a fair quantity.

Albumen was not found in any case. The greater number were examined.

Menstruation.

Menopause two years ago	we have			1
Severe periodic headaches	W. 118			1
Ceased for six months from	date of	gastr	ic	
symptoms				1
Ceased at commencement of	sympto	ms, bi	at	
returned				1
Scanty shortly before sympt	oms			1
Irregular	1		1.3	2

A large number were fussy, agitated, and restless, and this was very noticeable when they were taken in batches to get pulse tracings.

9. Sequence of Symptoms.

In the 18 cases in which both goitre and exophthalmos were present, the goitre preceded the exophthalmos by two years, one year, and six months respectively in 3 cases; goitre and exophthalmos synchronous in 2 cases; exophthalmos first noted by patient in 1 case.

In the majority, the patients were quite unconscious of the presence of the goitre, and hence could not tell us whether the exophthalmos or goitre came first.

10. Progress of Cases.

Eight cases improved or got well in 9, 12, 14, 18, 26, 36, 39 months and 6 years respectively. Seven cases were unchanged in 12, 18, 24, 36, 39, 41, and 46 months respectively, and one case became worse in 13 months.

Tabulated details

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No.	Clinique.	Name, age, &c.	Protrusion of eyes.	Goitre.	Vision and refraction.	State of fundi.
1	Dr. Little's, 162, vol. i	Rebecca H., 20, single	Slight, bilateral	None	R. 18 J., opacity of cornea; L. 6/18, H.5 D. and some astigmatism	Normal; no spon taneous arteria pulsation
2	Dr. Glas- cott's, 163, vol. i	Margaret H., 36, married	Bilateral	Double, but more marked on right side	6 each eye, H. m. 1 D.	Physiological cup ping; spontaneous venous pulse, bu no arterial pulsa tion; slight pig mentary displace ment at edge or discs
3	Dr. Glas- cott's, 164, vol. i	Mary S., 21, single	Slight, bilateral	None, slightly increased pulsation of carotids	R. $\frac{6}{6}$, no H. m.; L. $\frac{6}{12} + 75D$. = $\frac{6}{6}$ vix	Normal; no pulsation of veins or arteries
4	Dr. Little's, 166, vol. i	22,	Right eye only affect- ed; protrusion well marked; no retrac- tion of upper lid, which follows move- ments of eye down	enlarge-	R. 16 J. at 6", highly myopic; L.1 J. at 6" $\frac{6}{24}$ mixed astigmatism	
5	Dr. Little's, 167, vol. i	23,	Bilateral, well marked; retraction of upper lids	Slight bilateral; slightly increased pulsation of carotids	R. & L. $\frac{6}{60}$, -1 D. $=\frac{6}{6}$	Normal; no arterial pulsation
6	Dr. Little's, 169, vol. i	Duella T., 24, single	Bilateral, very marked; retraction of upper lids		R. & L. & ., no H. m.	Normal; no arterial pulsation

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Onset of symptoms.	General health.	Treatment and progress.
wo years ago was under treatment for alcer of right cornea; 10 months ago had neuralgia, mostly right side of face; was no bed one week with severe and frequent comiting; no diarrhea; on one occasion cost power of speech and right side of boody for a few minutes	very nervous; scars at angles of mouth; teeth suspicious of conge- nital syphilis; anæmic;	and Graefe's signs absent.
coitre 4 years; protrusion of eyes 3 years; no illness in particular; used to weigh 1.3 st., now only about $10\frac{1}{2}$		Quinine and iron.
nates projection of eyes and slight dim- mess of sight since rheumatic fever 6 months ago	Heart-sounds normal; ankles swelled occa- sionally	 Mist. Ferri Co. Brom. of potassium. Quinine and iron. Distinct improvement in 14 months.
yye projecting 3 months, some uneasiness, no pain; always short sighted; great deal of reading and writing; never worn c; lasses; abscess of throat 4 years ago	for 4 years; heart-	Iron. Condition of eye unchanged.
yes prominent 6 months; frequent ttacks of diarrhoa; throat been a little painful, but not aware of goitre	Diarrhœa; sugar in urine; diabetes 6 to 7 months; dropsy of legs. Married 9 months; menstruation still re- gular	fined 12 months after
evere gastric illness; vomiting, pain etween shoulders; in bed one week; ost some of her hair; her breasts got ery large, and remained so	sp. gr. 1030	(1). Iron for 12 months; no improvement. (2). Hydrobromic acid.

No.	Clinique.	Name, age, &c.	Protrusion of eyes.	Goitre.	Vision and refraction.	State of fundi.
7	Dr. Little's, 172, vol. i	52,	Bilateral; well-mark- ed retraction; very troublesome injection of eyes; no loss of consensual move- ments of upper lids		R. & L. &, H.m. 2 [.] 5 D.	Normal; no arte rial pulsation
8	Dr. Glas- cott's, 173, vol. i	44,	Slight, double	None; increased pulsation of carotids	H.m. 1 D.	Normal; sponta neous venous pul sation, but n arterial
9	Dr. Glas- cott's, 174, vol. i	40,	Bilateral	Bilateral; marked thrill in carotids, especially left	R. & L. & no H.m.	Well marked "cres cents" reachin half round discs fundi otherwis normal
10	Little's,		Bilateral; upper and lower lids retracted; sclerotic exposed, above 2", below 4"	marked	R. & L. & R. M. 1.5 D.	Normal; no arterial pulsation
11		Betsy L., 25, single	Bilateral; sclerotic ex- posed above and be- low; lids follow move- ments of eyes; en- larged veins at exter- nal angles, especially left		myopic,	Normal; crescen in right eye; n arterial pulsatio
12	Dr. Little's, 177, vol.	24,	Bilateral; upper lids just reach corneæ lower lids fall short by 3'''	;	R. & L. & no H.m.	Glistening striate patch at uppe and inner part of right disc fund otherwise norma no arterial pulse tion; physiological
13	Dr. Little's, 181, vol.	W.,	Bilateral; projection 1"; no "staring effect;" upper lide not retracted, but sclerotic exposed be low corneæ	with marked thrill	R. & L. & no H.m.	gical cups Normal; no arterial pulsation



Onset of symptoms.	General health.	Treatment and progress.
Came on 3 years ago gradually after severe "liver complaint;" he had jaundice		Bromide of potassium. In over 3 years the injection had gone; eyes much as before; caruncle of left eye swollen, red, and prominent; still Stellwag's but no Graefe's sign present.
Projection of eyes 6—9 months, with un- comfortable pricking sensation like sand in them		Chart had at an
Symptoms came on 12 months ago; no particular illness, only "a cold," and has been treated apparently for conjunctivitis	sion; apex-beat diffuse,	wrote to say her eyes were nearly quite well.
Symptoms came on 3 years ago; no particular illness, but for last 2 or 3 years has often vomited, especially after severe coughing, to which she is subject	pagated along vessels;	
Twelve months ago after "gastric fever" diarrhœa and vomiting; was in bed 8 weeks; goitre not noticed so soon as the eye symptoms	The state of the s	 (1). Iron. (2). Blisters, quinine, and iron. (3). Liq. arsenicalis. In 13 months eyes more prominent than ever.
Eyes projecting for 8 months; menstrua- tion scanty for some time before this; no gastric symptoms; throat been much relaxed	beat heaving; green-	ried 18 months after
Came on after severe vomiting and prostration	Heart's action tumult- uous; pulse 133; no valvular lesion; has 2 children	

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No.	Clinique.	Name, age, &c.	Protrusion of eyes.	Goitre.	Vision and refraction.	State of fundi,
14	Dr. Glas- cott's, 182, vol. i	N.,	Bilateral and very marked	Right lobe	R. $\frac{6}{6}$, L. $\frac{6}{9}$, no H. m.	Normal
15	Little's,	Maria B., 29, single?	Bilateral, and very marked retraction of upper lids; very marked "staring effect"	increased	R. & L. &, no H. m.	
16	Dr. Glas- cott's, 37, vol. ii	J.,	Bilateral; "staring effect"	Slight	R. & L. 6/6, no H. m.	Normal; physiolo- gical cups; no venous or arterial pulsation
17	Dr. Glas- cott's, 64, vol. ii	29,	Bilateral; "staring effect"	Small, but distinct	R. & L. & , no H. m.	Normal; no venous or arterial pulse
18	Dr. Little's, 102,vol.ii	Elizabeth B., 24, single	No protrusion ; retrac- tion of upper lids	None; increased pulsation of carotids	-	
19	Dr. Little's, 120,vol.ii	31,	Bilateral; retraction well marked	Slight fulness	R. & L. $\frac{6}{6}$ H=1 D.	Normal; no arterial pulsation
20	Dr. Glas- cott's, 130,vol. ii	Minnie B., 21, single	Bilateral, slight	Rather large bilateral	R. & , no H. m., L. fingers, opacity of cornea, high M.	R. normal; l. large crescents; no pul- sation, arterial or venous
21	Dr. Little's, 262,vol. ii	21,	Left eye, distinct pro- trusion; slight but equal diminution of movements in every direction; someslight injection	None	R. & L. &, no H. m.	Normal, no pulsa- tion



Onset of symptoms.	General health.	Treatment and progress.
One year no illness	Good deal of headache lately; 2 healthy chil- dren	Mist. Ferri Co.
Symptoms came on 12 months ago; had severe "illness in head" 3 months before with vomiting and purging		
Friends have noticed her eyes projecting for 12 months; suffered from vomiting, nausea, and headache. On inquiry the sickness appears to have been present for years, but to a much lesser extent	usually about every 6 weeks; ill 2 days;	THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE
Patient conscious of eyes bulging forward and neck swelling for some months; no illness in particular; has had a great deal of reading and sewing to do		
Complained of eyes for 2 years; she had then bilious attack with vomiting. When she came up to the desk I said, "There is a case of Graves's disease without ex- ophthalmos and without goitre," the condition being evidenced by her peculiar nervous "fussy" behaviour	rapid with grating 1st sound at aortic carti- lage	
Her friends noticed her eyes for 6 months; no vomiting; been in poor health for 12 months; felt languid and lost flesh	Bowels costive; tongue has white fur; no al- bumen or sugar in urine	completely in a year.
Friends noticed her eyes for 6 months; neck swelling for 12 months; no gastric symptoms; nervous debility and sleep-lessness for some months and pains in head		 Quinine and iron. Pot. Brom. Mist. Rhei Co. In 18 months just a trace of retraction in R., none in L., no loss of consensual lid movement; goitre much less, worst in right side.
Had fever when 6 years of age, and since then the left eye has been subject to colds; the bulging of the eye was noticed by a friend only a few days ago	teeth; no blow, rather	if not quite better.

No.	Clinique.	Name, age. &c.	Protrusion of eyes.	Goitre.	Vision and refraction.	State of fundi.
22	Dr. Glas- cott's, 283,vol. ii	44,	Right eye	Right side	R 1.5 D. cyl. horiz. = $\frac{6}{18}$. L 1 D. sph. = $\frac{6}{9}$	Normal, no pulsa- tion
23	Dr. Little's, 297,vol. ii	Ann S., 43, married	Bilateral; marked re- traction of upper lids, and exposure of sclerotic on looking down			
24	Little's,	50,	Bilateral; marked re- traction, no exposure of sclerotic on look- ing down		R. $\frac{6}{6}$, L. $\frac{6}{9}$, no H. m.	Normal, no pulsa- tion
25	Dr. Little's, 396,vol. ii	33,	Right eye; well- marked retraction in right eye	None	R. + '5 D. sph. \bigcirc + 2'5 D. cyl. = $\frac{6}{9}$. L '5 D. sph. \bigcirc + 2D. cyl. = $\frac{6}{12}$	old success
26	Dr. Glas- cott's, 470,vol. ii	23,	Retraction of upper lids, each eye	sation of	R. ^{*6} / ₁₈ , L. ⁶ / ₁₂ , dilated; no error of refraction, charts of fields of vision and colour, p. l. normal	Veins very "cork- screw." No pul- sation
27	Dr. Little's, 485,vol. ii	Joseph L., 50, married	Left eye; retraction of upper lid which does not follow eye downwards		R 3 D. cyl. = $\frac{6}{12}$ vix. nebula of cornea. L 3 D sph. = $\frac{86}{12}$	Normal, no pulsa- tion
28	Dr. Griffith's, 489,vol. ii	Elizabeth R., 21, single	Bilateral retraction of upper lids	Rather larger on right side	R. & L. 6, no H. m.	Normal, no pulsa- tion

Onset of symptoms.	General health.	Treatment and progress.
years ago had "Graves's disease," both yes and both sides of neck were affected; ymptoms came on after mental anxiety ith vomiting and diarrhœa; the left ye got better 6 years ago	8 children, two alive and healthy, five still-	fected years ago, but got better in 6 years.
eere noticed when attending hospital for light corneal ulcer of right eye; patient was not aware of anything	mitral and aortic sys- tolic murmurs, second	
eye prominent 3 months, left 3 weeks;	No albumen or sugar in urine; heart normal; menopause 2 years ago. Flushes up very often, pain in head; continually sees something fluttering before her eyes	the second second
ight eye "looked queer" for 6 months, but especially last fortnight	Heart normal; pain at back of eye	
ght bad last 6 weeks, had feeling as if yes were too big for 2 years or more; liarrhœa, cough, and expectoration	Heart and lungs normal, but looks phthisical. No albumen or sugar in urine; had distinctly hysterical attack when throat being examined; menstruation regular	Cough medicine; in one month R. 6/12, L. 6/9 vix.
riends noticed the left eye protruding for about 6 months; no illness since 1877, when he had inflammation of the ungs	tant bruit	
oitre 3 years; eyes for about 9 months after gastric illness	Nervous fussy behaviour; menstruation ceased from date of illness up to 3 months ago	

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No.	Clinique.	Name, age, &c.	Protrusion of eyes.	Goitre.	Vision and refraction.	State of fundi.
29	Dr. Little's, 497,vol. ii	36,	Left eye; retraction of upper lid and loss of consensual move- ments very marked	None	R. $\frac{6}{6}$, L. $\frac{6}{9}$, no H.m.	Normal; no venovor or arterial pulsation
30	Dr. Little's, 498,vol. ii	Rebecca C., 20, married	Right eye; retraction fairly marked, but the most marked loss of consensual move- ments of lid I have ever seen	fairly dis- tinct, es- pecially on	R. and L. $\frac{6}{6}$, H.m. ·5 D.; after atropine read $\frac{6}{6}$ \bar{c} + ·5 D., a little sharper with left eye	
31	Dr. Glas- cott's	Sarah B., 35, single	Retraction of upper lids; both eyes well marked; also some loss of mobility in lids when looking down	marked throbbing of carotids	R. and L. & o	Normal; no arterial pulsation
32	Dr. Glas- cott's	Sarah Ann P., 19, single	Marked bilateral pro- trusion; retraction of upper and lower lids; upper lids follow globes downwards perfectly for a certain distance and then cease to move further	large bi- lateral and pulsatile	R. and L. and H.m.	,Normal; hyper æmic discs; n arterial pulsation

Onset of symptoms.	General health.	Treatment and progress.
welve months; had typical gastric ill- ness; sometimes "vomited all through the night"	Heart-sounds normal; flushes up when speak- ing often.	
atient observed the eye had a staring appearance when looking in the glass 3 months ago		
er mother noticed patient looked "wild and staring" for 12 years; "liver com- blaint;" did not vomit, but had feeling of nausea; no jaundice	tongue red, raw, dry,	
er eyes have been prominent and her neck swollen for 2½ months; no acute gastric illness, but a fortnight ago she womited up her breakfast; her mentruation ceased at date of commencement of eye symptoms, but reappeared 3 weeks ago	but rapid "rheumatic pains" in legs; brown pigmentary discoloura- tion of eyelids; is very	

