CLINICAL NOTES AND CASES.

Case of Sexual Perversion in a Man. By GEORGE H. SAVAGE, M.D., Bethlem Hospital.

A young man, single, aged 28; father violent and excitable; one brother odd, and another a drunken scapegrace.

The patient himself is of middle height, anæmic and emotional. He began his description of his state of mind by saying that he felt he must kill himself. He said he did not feel any real mental depression, but he felt so ashamed of his unnatural state that he wished he were dead, to prevent scandal to his family. He had been to hear many religious teachers, and, in fact, was sent by one of these to see me.

He had always been industrious and hard-working, and made a good living as a traveller for a foreign house. He had led a very solitary life, and had never indulged in worldly amusements.

He was proud of repeating that he was a professing Christian. He had but one pleasure, and that was in music, and of late he had given this up, as it took him into society, where he met other men. At eleven years of age he learnt to masturbate, and had continued the habit ever since.

He has never indulged in sexual congress. He says he has no desire or lust after women, and, though he will not be sure, he thinks he never did have any lust for women.

He told his employer of his feeling, and said that he felt that he must embrace him. This the master resented, and said if he "came any more of that stuff" he should discharge him.

He says in America he was fairly comfortable, because the men were only of moderate size and height; but that in England, where there are so many men over six feet, he is perfectly miserable. He says the sight of a fine man causes him to have an erection, and if he is forced to be in his society he has an emission.

He has no loss of memory, no tremulousness; his senses appear to be normal in every respect, and his reasoning powers in no way affected.

I recommended him to follow his occupation with energy,

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to seek mixed society, to go to places of amusement in cities, and to pursue his musical tastes.

I have no further news of him.

I have met with only one other man, who was in a general hospital, who had similar symptoms, but he had malformation of his genetalia, and his sex was at least doubtful.

In one female patient, in Bethlem, there was powerful lust towards those of her own sex. She died, and an infantile uterus was discovered. One wonders if this perversion is as rare as it appears, when we meet with trials such as have been held in Ireland.

Supposed Case of Acute Mania, Terminating in Death after a Succession of Epileptiform Attacks. By W. E. Ramsden Wood, M.A., M.D., Assistant Medical Officer, Bethlem Royal Hospital.

History of Case.—W. P., æt. 38, was admitted into this hospital May 19th of this year, suffering from acute mania. He was transferred from Camberwell House, where he had been about a month. From his friends we heard that he had had a slight attack three years ago. He is said to have been very much worried in his domestic arrangements; they acknowledged also that he had given way to drink for a long time. The first symptoms were evinced by his becoming generally excitable, and going out at any hour of the day or night and preaching in the streets. This occurred about six weeks before his admission here. Within a few days he had hallucinations of sound and sight. He thought that his father (who has been dead some years) came down from heaven to him; also that a mouse, which was really our Lord, had held a conversation with him. On Easter Sunday he preached in his church for two hours and a half. During this time he was very sleepless, and considered himself a prophet.

He was said to have had rheumatic fever three years ago. His father died of chronic rheumatic arthritis. Otherwise there is no history of neurosis in his family.

On admission it was noted that he was a thin man of medium height, dark hair, beard, &c. He had a very haggard expression. He was utterly incoherent, and noisy. He recognised nobody, was continually chattering, and constantly using the most obscene and blasphemous language. He was somewhat exhausted, but had tremendous outbreaks of violence. At first he took food only after a great deal of persuasion. Pupils equal; no tremor of facial muscles.

June 11th.—Taking food well, and is gaining flesh. Very noisy and incoherent all day and night. Has become very dirty in his habits. Recognised his wife and brother.

June 18th.—In the same noisy, incoherent condition; refusing

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