

eight cases of apparently true malaria it was not found ; one of these was an acute case in which it was detected at subsequent examinations ; in the others, the case was either only seen once or had taken quinine. Of still greater interest were some cases of supposed malaria where the parasite could not be found ; four proving to be cases of undetected phthisis, one of septic pneumonia, and two of suppurative renal disease. On the other hand, in certain cases a positive diagnosis of malaria could only be made by examining the blood.

PSYCHICAL EPILEPSY.

Psychical disturbances frequently precede a regular epileptic paroxysm. This may be nothing more than undefined restless feeling; or it may take the form of irritability of temper, or terror with a sense of great impending danger. Again, great exhilaration of spirits may be present for hours or days before the regular paroxysm sets in. After the fit is over, the form and variety of mental disturbance is as great as that which preceded it.

The psychical symptoms in the above cases form only a part of the complete disease. There are cases, on the other hand, where mental disturbance alone takes the place of the usual epileptic paroxysm. It is not at all rare to find epileptics who have several complete fits in the year, and during the intervals attacks of great mental restlessness lasting hours, or it may be even days, the patient having as little knowledge of what took place during this period as he has of what happened during the ordinary paroxysms.

The following case reported by Prof. Max Leidesdorf of Vienna illustrates this form of epilepsy: A man aged 36, with a markedly neurotic family history, was admitted to his clinic in the year 1884. From childhood to his 24th year this patient suffered from frequently recurring attacks of ordinary epilepsy. After this period these attacks ceased and were replaced by suddenly occurring attacks of great restlessness lasting from one to two days. After recovering his usual state, he has no remembrance of anything that happened during his restless period.