

by marriage in the same way as a tubercular diathesis may be associated with an arthritic offshoot" (p. 47). "I shall . . . consider it as brought about by a vitiated condition of the blood acting on the nervous system in those predisposed" (p. 50). "I hope to show how such deficiency of oxygen may produce the most important phenomena of osteo-arthritis" (p. 52). "This theory of the action of deficiency of oxygen in the blood on the vaso-motor centre, or on this and a hypothetical trophic centre combined, seems to explain many of the symptoms of osteo-arthritis" (p. 58).

Though disappointing in not adding anything substantial to our knowledge of this obscure affection, yet it affords an excellent *résumé* of the latest writings on this subject, and propounds an interesting theory to throw light upon its pathology.

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Various Forms of Hysterical or Functional Paralysis. By H. CHARLTON BASTRAN, M.A., M.D., F.R.S. London: H. K. Lewis, 136 Gower Street.

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