

in order, on the one hand, to be able to give a "reason for the hope that is in him," and on the other, to detect, in the absence of the fairly typical grouping of symptoms peculiar to the disease, a disposition to play the part of the malingerer. He should always bear in mind the moral factors. The mental state is depressed sometimes to the verge of hypochondriasis. There is therefore a tendency to exaggerate in giving expression to feelings of distress. A lawsuit and its possible failure are impending, and do not lighten the burden: and, indeed, it would be a great disaster to the plaintiff were he to recover before the jury has had an opportunity of assessing damages. The best of authority goes to prove that after such a source of worry is over the backache and incessant weariness, in the majority of instances, become things of the past; hence an important element in the treatment. It is much better to counsel a settlement as soon as possible, even though financially the benefit of doubt be accorded the defendant.

The Weir-Mitchell system of treatment is endorsed by many, but in many cases it utterly fails; and on the other hand, men of special standing aver that the enforced rest has frequently a depressing influence. Electricity in the form of galvanism is highly recommended.

The speaker thought that no individual line of therapeutic measures could be considered suitable in all cases, and that bromide of potash, when indicated, together with nerve tonics and diversion of the mind by congenial occupation for its faculties in suitable amusement or change of scene and companionships, should be carefully considered.

Two Cases of Tuberculosis of Peritoneum Mistaken for Appendicitis.

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CASE I.—Chinese girl, aged 17, previous history not available: complained of severe abdominal pains, tenderness over the abdomen, increased towards the right, vomited: temp. 103, abdominal muscles rigid. Diagnosis of acute appendicitis. Operation 10 p.m. Peritoneum thickened and studded with tubercular nodules, some adhesions, appendix compressed by band of adhesions but circulation not impeded. Appendix removed, adhesions liberated, appendages normal. While applying the dressings a fistula was found opening upon patient's back and leading to the body of first lumbar