

we may find a sausage-shaped tumour in the right iliac fossa, or perhaps in the sigmoid or splenic flexure of the colon, and of a pulpy consistence. Perhaps the physician will visit his patient again and again being sure that there is something there. Perhaps an abdominal section will be made and with negative results in respect of static mischief but happily with the effect of the complete and inexplicable cure. This may be compared to the disappearance of severe symptoms following a nephrotomy for aching kidney.

In some gastro-intestinal cases there may be extreme emaciation and refusal of food, and these cases approach the type of anorexia nervosa.

The theory of auto-intoxication comes in here in the discussion of the gastro-intestinal type. Briefly, this theory is as follows:—That there is some peculiar connection between the absorption of the products of fermentation from the bowel and neurasthenia. That an auto-intoxication does take place has not been fully proven, and research work in this direction will be looked to with interest. Clifford Allbut thinks that perverted catabolism (retrograde tissue change) may be at the root of it.

Glénard's disease or enteroptosis, is sometimes present in these gastro-intestinal cases. It is not actually a disease but a symptom group characterized by looseness of the mesenteric attachments so that the stomach, the intestines, particularly the transverse colon, the liver, kidneys, and the spleen occupy an abnormally low position in the abdominal cavity.

*The sexual type:*—It may be said that these cases are as full of vexation to the physician as they are to the patient, and indeed they are the most incurable of all. The symptoms which the patient complains of are many, and the sense of delicacy in most cases is a minus quantity. Most authors advise the examination of the patient's urine, not so much for albumin or for sugar as for less radical changes. Phosphaturia, oxaluria, or azoturia (increase of urea in the urine) may explain much.

The sexual neurasthenic is one of the most miserable of beings, for his sufferings are constant and with him always.

There is present in most of these cases a condition of irritability and weakness of the sexual organs. He will usually complain of having losses at night, followed usually by great depression and fatigue and a host of other symptoms. There are few more pitiable conditions into which a man may fall than that of sexual neurasthenia, and to raise him from this condition the physician requires to be almost especially endowed.

Time and good living and high ideals are potent factors in the cure of this disorder. Impotence in most cases is the rule, yet sometimes sexual activity is retained.