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THE MEDICAL TREATMENT OF EXOPHTHALMIC GOITRE.

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Perhaps it would be better to call this communication "Notes on the Non-Surgical Treatment of Graves' Disease." The reason for this distinction is the fact, which dawns the brighter the more one sees and studies the course of these cases, that many (some say the majority) of them tend to improve and even recover completely under the most varied forms of treatment. It might even be correct to say that the disease tends to recovery in spite of some treatments!

An immense variety of treatments have been tried and advocated in this condition, each one in its turn to be followed by a list of cures, and then of others, which have not so improved. It is often said that whenever one finds a great number of treatments recommended for any disease, one may conclude that none of them are very satisfactory. This is very true, yet it by no means follows that that disease is therefore hopeless, or unlikely to be recovered from. What disease calls for a greater variety of treatments than a cold in the head? and yet the prognosis is good, and we all recover from it under the influence of, or in spite of, the treatment of almost every friend we meet.

The first point, then, that I would advance is that there exists in Graves' Disease a strong natural tendency towards recovery. Hence, in order to give full credit to that most

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