

not be admitted, and also what are the cases in which the treatment was efficacious. To this M. Abadie replied that the majority of neurologists concur in believing that locomotor ataxy is a more complex affection than was formerly supposed. The remarks of Dejerine in particular have shown that patients who during life presented all the objective and subjective signs of tabes dorsalis have not shown any spinal lesion, but an interstitial peripheral neuritis. This proves that the combination of symptoms described under the name of locomotor ataxy is complex, and having regard to abortive forms and mild forms of very slow evolution, limited to a few lightning pains and a few disturbances of coördination, as well as to the severe forms associated with joint affections, it may be concluded that the morbid varieties of ataxia are daily increasing in number. It is highly possible that the treatment by suspension, which amounts to an elongation of the nerve roots, may only act in certain forms—viz., those in which the spinal degeneration is slightly marked. "So far," added M. Abadie, "I have noticed that among the patients whom I have submitted to suspension, it is not the true ataxics who have derived the most benefit, but those who had ocular (*sic*) lesions of indefinite nature."

The Connection between Tabes Dorsalis and Exophthalmic Goitre.—Cases occur in which the symptoms of locomotor ataxy exist in combination with those of Graves' disease.* What is the nature of this association? It may be fortuitous, but is it possible for the tabetic nerve lesion to produce the exophthalmic goitre in virtue of some slight transgression of its usual limits. Clinical and experimental evidence exists to show that lesions about the restiform bodies produce the triad of symptoms which are characteristic of Graves' disease. In cases of the association of the two diseases, have the sclerosis and degeneration on which the tabes depends exceeded their usual boundaries and damaged those nerve cells and fibres which are concerned in the production of the tachycardia, enlarged thyroid, and protruding eyeballs.

Locomotor Ataxy with Hemiplegia.—Tabes may complicate other diseases and may itself be complicated. Its unity may be

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