

probably that of thyroid gland, which has proved of the greatest benefit in myxedema and cretinism. It is also considered useful, in the opinion of some, in insanity, obesity and other diseases. Extracts of the ovary, of the supra-renal capsules, and of the pituitary body are also on trial in the treatment of affections of these organs. An extract of bone marrow too has been given with some apparent success in obstinate cases of anæmia and leucocythæmia.

When we consider then the amount of labour and patient investigation which all these improvements in medicine and surgery involve, the most casual observer must, we think, admit that our profession has shewn no lack of activity in its efforts to advance the healing art. And furthermore we think it will, as we affirmed at the outset, bear favorable comparison with other departments of life in regard to the good results obtained.

Then too, as we advance in scientific knowledge, there will be less room for the various forms of quackery to flourish on the credulity of the general public. The clairvoyant, the magnet physician, and the osteopath will probably cease more and more to trouble us. Faith-cures, too, whether brought about by a belief in some supernatural interference or through Christian science, or through a reliance upon the efficacy of infinitesimal doses of drugs frequently repeated, will become less in demand as the educated physician displays a greater skill and capacity in dealing with the various ills which flesh is heir to. There will, however, always be a certain class of nervous diseases which will be more or less amenable to faith-cure, or to hypnotic suggestion, which latter means has been considerably employed of late by regular physicians, and with a fair degree of success.