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A CASE OF MULTIPLE NEURITIS WITH ATAXIA, SIMULATING TABES DORSALIS; RECOVERY.

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Mr. President and Fellows,—As the following case of a peripheral nerve lesion presents many analogies to one of disease of the posterior columns of the spinal cord, and believing that cases of this nature are frequently diagnosed as due to a lesion of the cord and published as cases of tabes dorsalis in which a cure has been achieved, I thought it might be of some interest to this Society, and I have much pleasure in presenting the following notes to you. The history of the case is briefly as follows: G. S., married, aged 39, farmer, consulted me March 28th, 1901. In regard to the family: His father died at 63 of Bright's disease. His mother (who died at 67), and also his grandmother, were, the patient says, afflicted with a disease much like his own. His mother, although able to walk about until her last illness, had a general wasting of the muscles, some of which were tonically contracted, especially those of the forearms. The case might have been one of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. There is no consumption, fits or mental disorder in the family.

Previous History.—His health was always good, he never having had any severe illness. He uses no tobacco and is temperate in the use of alcohol. No venereal disease. He has two children, both of whom are healthy. He has been in the livery

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