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SHORT NOTES ON THE TREATMENT OF COMMON DEFORMITIES RESULTING FROM DISEASE.

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THE commonest deformities resulting from disease as opposed to deformities resulting from conditions preceding birth or violence after birth, may be classified as those due to tuberculous disease, to paralysis, to posture and to rickets. Each of these will be discussed separately.

As it is not the purpose of this paper to discuss the etiology, pathology, or treatment of these diseases causing deformities, I shall confine myself to a simple narration of how these deformities may be treated after their development.

DEFORMITIES DUE TO TUBERCULOUS DISEASE.

Tuberculosis is the most common of all the causes of deformity seen in this country, and as such demands our particular attention.

The commonest deformities resulting from tuberculosis may be divided into those of the spine, hip, knee, ankle, shoulder, elbow and wrist.

Speaking generally, the treatment of tuberculosis of any form is by rest, fresh air, and good food.

Deformities of the Spine.—The common deformities of the spine, due to tuberculous disease, are kyphosis and scoliosis. The