

but in every museum there are specimens which illustrate the fibrous method of union. This means that unless proper measures be undertaken the kyphosis of Pott's disease may keep on increasing long after the tuberculosis is cured, owing to the bowing of the spine at its point of greatest weakness. The obvious prophylaxis of this condition is to have the patient wear a spinal support of some sort for many years after the disease has subsided, and in cases in which there is a marked kyphosis it is well to have him look forward to always wearing this support. A view of the cut surface of the



FIG. 1. SAGITTAL SECTION.

specimen illustrates this point perfectly. If this patient had been allowed about in an upright attitude without a spinal support, there is nothing in the world would have prevented the deformity from increasing to a right angle or more, and this catastrophe would be as likely to occur ten years in the future, if no bony union had taken place. A conclusion which I wish to draw from this discussion is that increase in the deformity after assuming the upright attitude may not mean the renewal of the tuberculous process at all, and before returning such a patient to the rigorous treatment of the acute disease some other symptoms should be present.

The method of advance of the tuberculous process is very