

The classification adopted in studying these cases serves to indicate the primary disease to which the pericarditis is related, rather than the bacteriology of the inflammation itself.

According to this principle the cases fall readily under the following five divisions:—

1. Pericarditis as a terminal complication of nephritis 10 cases
2. Pericarditis with acute pneumonia or pleurisy 3 “
3. Pericarditis secondary to acute rheumatism, endocarditis, chorea, or tonsillitis 20 “
4. Pericarditis with pulmonary tuberculosis 1 “
5. Pericarditis with other acute general infections (puerperal septicaemia, 1) (cerebro-spinal meningitis, 1) 2 “

Table showing Age and Employment of Patients in various Groups.

**GROUP 1.—PERICARDITIS AS LATE EVENT
IN NEPHRITIS.**

F.—10—School girl.
M.—12—School boy.
M.—30—Painter.
M.—39—Painter.
F.—42—Shoe factory hand.
F.—47—Housework.
F.—48—Housework.
M.—50—Insurance agent.
M.—52—Book binder.
M.—54—Lumberman.

**GROUP 2.—PERICARDITIS WITH PLEURISY
OR PNEUMONIA.**

F.—15—Servant.
F.—24—Servant.
M.—60—Machinist.

**GROUP 3.—PERICARDITIS WITH RHEUMATIC
FEVER, ENDOCARDITIS,
CHOREA, OR TONSILLITIS.**

F.—9—School girl.
F.—9—School girl.
M.—11—School boy.
M.—11—School boy.
F.—11—Factory hand.
M.—14—Messenger.

F.—15—Laundry hand.
M.—17—Labourer.
F.—17—House servant.
M.—17—Clerk.
M.—17—Confectioner.
M.—19—Farm Labourer.
M.—18—City labourer.
M.—19—Conductor street cars.
M.—21—Tramp.
M.—23—Machinist.
F.—26—Housework.
M.—28—Tobacco factory hand.
M.—29—Plumber.

GROUP 4.—TUBERCULOUS PERITONITIS.

M.—25—Tanner.

GROUP 5.—WITH OTHER ACUTE INFECTIONS.

F.—36—Housework.

- (a) *Puerperal Septicaemia.*
(b) *Cerebro-spinal meningitis.*

There were 13 females and 23 males.

Of these twenty cases in group 3, fifteen gave a clear history of acute articular rheumatism. In nine cases the pericarditis and arthritis were concurrent. In only one of these (6896) is there evidence found of the pericardial inflammation showing itself before the signs in the joints. In all the cases having so-called concurrent arthritis there is found a clear history of previous attacks of rheumatism. There were nine patients giving a history of tonsillitis. Three of these gave no account whatever of joint pains. In one of these patients erythema no-