

At the end of one week I was consulted. After a delay of two weeks I began my combined treatment. I gave fourteen hypodermic injections. At the end of the twelfth, that is, at the end of thirteen days, there was an increase in the movement upwards of the eyelid and a slight movement inwards of the eyeball. One week later, the injections being now stopped, the eyelid could be raised a full two-thirds of the normal amount and the eyeball could be brought to the median line and held there. Three weeks after the first, the second series of injections, seven in number, were given. Diplopia is at six feet. At any great distance the vision is single. Three weeks later there remained only a very slight drooping of the eyelid, and the patient could walk comfortably with both eyes open, up to this time being unable to do so on account of the confusion of images. Two weeks later diplopia is not now made out till the object is at the distance of ten inches. The progress after the use of my combined treatment I consider most rapid, viz., in eight weeks from the beginning of this treatment no diplopia till the distance of ten inches from the eyes was reached. I have no notes since that date, that is, six weeks ago, as the patient has not put in an appearance.

As to the method of administration, my previous articles have, I think, fully dealt with that. I shall only say, tuck well in the bed-clothes along the whole spine from the occiput downwards; and in cool or cold weather put a hot bottle to the feet. Two symptoms of a proper effect are very free perspiration and the free flow of saliva, viz., six fluid ounces to one pint. As to the length of time to continue these recurring series, I name no special limit, but do always advise to go on as long as there is any improvement. In my minor and easily managed cases a few months will suffice, whereas in my severe ones I have continued them for three or four years.

There is one peculiarity in this treatment—that is, that no relapses occur, even in cases in which under the forms of treatment previously used they have recurred frequently and severely. The nerve centres, especially what we term the absorptive system, are most profoundly and directly acted upon in this treatment. Especially marked is this stimulated condition of the nerve centres during the first few hours after the injection. Hence the great necessity of exercising the care I am ever insisting upon.

Having thus been able to produce the effect upon the diseased tissues which I have drawn attention to, it follows that to keep up the desired action we must go on using the remedies, and hence the consistency of advocating their methodical administration, and in severe cases their long-continued use.