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ART. XXXVII.—*On the Nature and Treatment of Spinal Affections.*

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In the views which we have taken of the nature and treatment of Spinal Affections, we have considered the disease principally in its early stage; and have shewn the symptoms by which it is characterised at a period when it is under the influence of medical treatment, and before any organic change has taken place in the part affected, and our object has been to call the attention of the Profession to a class of complaints of very frequent occurrence in practice, the nature of which we conceive has been much misunderstood, and which if neglected produce serious effects on the constitution.

We shall now consider spinal affections in their more advanced stage, when the disease has proceeded so far as to produce an organic change in the part affected, and shall shew, that the symptoms by which these affections are characterised in their early stage, are identically the same as those which we have described in the cases that have come under our consideration. We thus identify the nature of these affections, and shew that cases of spinal irritation, if neglected or improperly treated, terminate in all those symptoms that are characteristic of true spinal affections: in short, that the disease is one and the same in character, only in different periods of its progress. And it will be observed, that we have very satisfactory data on which to determine this question. We have the