

sensibility, ataxy and paresis of all extremities, especially the lower, loss of knee-jerks and incontinence of urine. Throughout the cord, except in the sacral region, there was degeneration of the posterior columns extending as high up as the medulla. In the cervical and upper part of the dorsal cord there was complete degeneration of Goll's columns; in Burdach's columns there were patches of sclerosis more or less confluent, while in the lumbar region the whole posterior columns were similarly degenerated. The second case was that of a man forty-two years of age, who had been troubled with weakness in the legs three years before. Under treatment this passed off. But two years later the weakness came on again and increased so that the patient was unable to walk, and before death there was evidence of pernicious anæmia and of severe spastic paraplegia in the legs. After death there was found marked degeneration of the posterior columns of the cord, most marked in the upper part and gradually lessening toward the lower end of the cord. The lymph spaces round the vessels also were swollen and filled with granular bodies and detritus. According to Petren there are usually in the cord in the case of pernicious anæmia small hæmorrhages which may lead to some sclerosis without clinic manifestations. The vessels also not uncommonly have thickened walls. In many cases, however, of pernicious anæmia there is a true spinal cord affection which is not to be regarded as merely coincident. From the anatomic view no doubt differences are found in the affection of the spinal cord in different cases, but these differences are to be explained by the manner in which the process develops in different cases. Petren is of the opinion that those cases, as regards the affection of the spinal cord, make up a special group, and that probably a toxic process underlies the affection of the spinal cord as well as of the blood.

THE PHYSICIAN OF THE NEAR FUTURE.

Unwilling to combine in any manner with his fellow-workers for his own protection, giving the best of his early energy to work in institutions which take the very bread from his mouth by treating and caring for those who are not poor, his work competed with on every hand by an ever increasing host of special fads and frauds, what will be the doctor's source of income in the near future unless a change is worked?

A crusade, organized to reclaim the holy shrines in Palestine, incidentally booms the sale of Jerusalem drops and other remedies supposed to originate with the Franciscan friars. The Kneipp curists do not walk long in dewy grass before the discovery is made that Kneipp remedies for all known ills should be placed on sale in every city of the world.

Park commissioners are asked to extend the courtesies of the grass to the early morning sockless perambulator with the sole object of advertising the Kneipp company's wares.

Faith, hope and charity healers, mind, brain and thought curers, hypnotic, hydropathic, magnetic, electric, eclectic, spiritualistic, human and divine workers of miraculous cures *increase and flourish*. The reputable physician walks to his dispensary class and treats many who should be going to his own or to his brother's office, and will to-morrow run off to "a divine healer" and leave a bank bill on his table in return for the benefit they hope will come from the laying on of hands. There are many things the self-respecting physician cannot fight against, but how some men can put up with the indignities placed upon them by hospital authorities and continue to respect themselves is more than we can explain. —*Medical Record*.