

ble difficulties in the way of any such explanation. We know of half-a-dozen hypertrophies of the spleen—more genuine hypertrophies too than are met with in Leukæmia—in which the normal proportion between the elements is maintained, yet wholly unaccompanied by any increase in the cellular elements of the blood. To say that in the simple hypertrophies there is retention of formed elements, while in Leukæmia there is a rapid increase, and as rapid separation of colourless elements, incapable of developing into red blood corpuscles, is simply to admit our ignorance of the intimate pathology of this obscure affection.

Again, there is a disease Anæmia lymphatica, or Hodgkin's Disease, characterized by enlargement of the lymphatic glands of the body, generally without any accompanying hypertrophy of the spleen, and without any increase in the colourless elements of the blood; and yet this is equally pernicious and runs a like fatal course. Further, there is a variety of Leukæmia, excessively rare indeed, marked by hypertrophy of the lymphatic glands all over the body without corresponding enlargement of the spleen. I mention these affections, so like in some respects, so unlike in others, just to illustrate the difficulties in the way of establishing a correct pathology of lymphatic disorders.

Passing to the consideration of the liver we meet with changes equally remarkable. On section of the organ, and also through the capsule, irregularly scattered areas of a white or yellowish white appearance were seen, nowhere, distinctly isolated, but merging into the surrounded liver substance. Portions taken from these areas and teased in saline solution presented a great accumulation of round colourless corpuscles, ordinary leucocytes, very similar to those met with in the blood, many of them with the same clear vesicular nuclei. They presented considerable variations in size. The proportion of these corpuscles differed according to the locality from which the piece was taken; from the central portions of some of the larger