

will be no reason for unbending before the perspective of rapid gains and big dividends ; on the other hand the poor will always find at a sanatorium better feeding than at home.

As for the medical treatment, much has been said of cacodylate of sodium.

We shall not attempt a complete study of this substance. The most important thing for us is to be thoroughly acquainted with its real value. Its action and its efficiency must be measured by the light of the experience of numerous observers, and of our own. Its promoters were wrong, in our opinion, to call cacodylate of sodium a specific agent against tuberculosis. As against the numerous favourable observations, and which we do not doubt in the least, of Messrs. A. Gauthier, Renaut, Rendu, Letulle and others, we have to set off many others, equally unimpeachable, and where the results on tuberculosis have been *nil*.

In the course of our practice we currently employ cacodylate of sodium ; its effects have proved excellent in cases of anemia, of ganglionic and lymphatic persons, of chlorosis ; in such cases we have observed a regular revival of the physiological functions, an increase of appetite, a resorption of ganglia. On the contrary, we have obtained less favourable results in cases of ulcerous and cavitary tuberculosis.

Burlureau, in a recent and thoroughly complete study on cacodylate, has come to the same conclusion. "As for tuberculosis," he says, "I regret to have to say that, contrary to the opinion of Professor Gauthier, it is in this disease that cacodylate has given me the least favourable results. Out of twenty-nine cases of pulmonary tuberculosis I have only once obtained a really favourable effect, and that was but temporary."

Cacodylate will be specially useful for the predisposed, for those incipient cases which were so difficult to diagnose, and which we have now learned to recognize.*

As for the vanadates, they have not fulfilled the expectations formed of them ; but this is partly due to the difficulty experienced in obtaining thoroughly determined products.

For instance, Landouzy, Grancher, Sanchez have revealed to us the delicate stethoscopic signs of the period of germination ; Bard and Faisans have showed us the importance of the cardiac rhythm, of tachycardia ; Roussel and Boix that of the scapulo-thoracic amyotrophia ; Bouchard, Beclerc, Kelsch, Maragliano have taught us the radioscopic signs of incipient tuberculosis ; Arloing, Mongour, Courmont have established on a sure basis the early diagnosis of tuberculosis by sero-diagnosis by agglutination ; Albert Robin and Binet give us the same certitude by the analysis of the respiratory chemism ; Sirot and Fink by the observations of the effects produced by injections of artificial serum ; Gaube (of Gers) by the study of the demineralization of the tissues.