

It is also a excellent remedy in many forms of cutaneous affections, more especially in the scaly variety. I have seen cases of psoriasis inveterata which had resisted the long-continued use of arsenic, iodine, and other remedies, quickly yield to its influence. It seems to me to have the most decided effect in those cases of psoriasis occurring in patients of dissipated habits, or when complicated with enlarged liver. It is also very useful in eczema and syphilitic squamæ. Drs. Watson, Ebdon, and others, recommend the muriate in tic and facial neuralgia, and it certainly possesses very considerable curative power over these painful affections, and particularly over that form of neuralgia mentioned by Dr. Watson, which is confined chiefly to the lower part of the face, and in a very troublesome variety affecting one or other side of the neck, and probably connected with a morbid condition of the cervical lymphatic glands.

The muriate like other remedies in neuralgia, does not succeed in every case; but in those cases in which it proves successful, the beneficial effect generally follows soon after its administration. In my hands the best results were obtained with it in neuralgia when it was given in the ordinary dose, and repeated every half hour or hour.

My experience of the muriate in catarrhus vesicæ, enlarged prostate, muscular rheumatism, sciatica, and other analogous affections, has as yet been too limited to enable me to report with confidence on its value in their treatment; but judging from the result of the trials which I have made already with it in these disorders, I think it deserves the high opinion entertained of it by René, Vaneye, Dr. Fuller, and others. Never having occasion to prescribe the salt in the large doses recommended by some authorities, I have not observed any irritant or injurious effects on the stomach, intestines or other organs, to follow its employment. When given to adults, in from five grain to scruple doses in mucilage or bitter infusion, with aromatics and anodynes, it may be continued for a considerable time without producing any unpleasant results. The ordinary dose to adults was from five to ten grains three or four times daily. It was seldom necessary to increase the dose beyond the latter quantity.

The muriate of ammonia is unquestionably a valuable medicine, possessing active curative powers; and having a wide range of action, and being cheap, and therefore the more likely to be pure, it is well fitted for hospital and dispensary practice and deserves more of the attention of the profession generally in this country than has hitherto been given to it.—[*Lond. Lancet.*