

Morris goes on to compare the various makes of lamps in use in the application of light; and concludes that the original Finsen lamp gives the best results on account of the greater intensity and penetrating power of the concentrated light.

Conditions unfavourable for the treatment he summarizes as follows:—

1. Factors which hinder penetration of the light; *e.g.*, pigmentation, dark complexion, and thick skin; great depth and infiltration of the disease; scarring from previous treatment; great vascularity of the parts.

2. Great extent of the disease.

3. Inaccessible position; *e.g.*, mucous membrane of the nose, etc.

An important point is that which concerns the permanence of results. In this respect the treatment is "at first sight, somewhat disappointing. Relapses frequently occur, and it is necessary to keep the patients under observation for two, three or more years, so that recurrent nodules may be treated as soon as they appear. If this is not done, the disease may fall back to its original state. It is only in slight cases that we can so far claim to have had permanent results, taking two years without recurrence as the standard of permanence. It must, however, be borne in mind that in many of these cases almost every known form of treatment had been tried, and no other method has given such satisfactory results as the light treatment."

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H. S. BIRKETT, M.D., PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

The meeting adjourned.

May, 15, 1903.

J. A. MACDONALD, M.D., VICE-PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

The Treatment of Pott's Fracture.

DR. ARCHIBALD presented a case illustrating the treatment of Potts fracture, and gave the following account: This case was admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital February 25th; at present she walks with ease; and with the exception of a little œdema, there is no deformity. The skiagraphs show the extent of the fracture. The patient fell from a carriage, and when admitted there was slight abduction and eversion of the foot with considerable swelling. The skiagraphs show