

at present, neither can I look forward to the cure of the great majority of leg ulcers more rapidly than under the favoured dressing—that is, they fill up to the level of the skin, and are covered up with epithelium without waste of reparative material just as rapidly as Nature can possibly furnish it, the time required usually being incredibly short.

Antiseptic Treatment of Pulmonary Phthisis.—"Antiseptic Treatment of Pulmonary Phthisis by Gaseous Inhalations of Spirits of Turpentine with Iodoform or Iodol" is the title of a paper read by M. Delthil before the Académie de Médecine de Paris. The conclusions he drew are as follows. In the treatment of pulmonary phthisis (1) it is physiologically indicated to endeavour to obtain direct asepsis of the diseased lungs by means of non-poisonous and antiseptic gaseous inhalations; (2) the volatile oils of turpentine with iodoform or iodol seem to fulfil this indication; (3) the absorption of these drugs is proved by the presence in the urine of iodine; (4) under the influence of these inhalations the secretion and the cough diminish, the appetite improves, and the morbid process abates to such an extent that recovery often takes place in apparently hopeless cases; (5) this treatment does not prevent the use of the various hygienic, dietetic and remedial measures indicated in this disease. The mode of using the inhalation is as follows. In an inhaler of the capacity of one litre he places this mixture: essence of turpentine, 350 grammes; essence of lavender, 100 grm.; iodoform or iodol, 5 to 10 grm.; sulphuric ether, 20 grm. This may be inhaled as much as four hours in the day in seances of fifteen to twenty minutes. It should be used morning and evening and several times during the day, especially after walking in the open air. The inhalation may be warmed in order to increase the evaporation by placing the inhaler in a warm bath of 30°C. In order to increase the amount of iodoform disengaged, a gramme of iodoform or iodol may be added every second day. The turpentine dissolves the iodoform or iodol if a little ether is mixed with it; the commercial spirits of lavender deodorises the iodoform.—*Revue de Thérapeutique Médico-Chirurgicale*, Sept. 15, '92.

The Healing of Tuberculosis.—Dr. William Osler refers to recent studies which have shown that, in a considerable proportion of the bodies of persons dying of all diseases, quiescent or healed tubercular lesions are found in the lungs; which justify the German axiom "that in the long run everybody has a little tuberculosis." The following conditions at the apices