

several "ectrotic" remedies, that "the *tincture of iodine* labours under a serious drawback in the *necessity*," there is "of its being employed immediately on the appearance of the eruption," he adds, "this it is plain, must confine its application, to a comparatively small number of those afflicted with the disease, for it is well known, that in the vast majority of instances, admitted into hospitals, as well as in many occurring in private practice, the early stage is passed, before the patients come under treatment." Now, although I cannot gainsay the difficulty the Dr. may have found, in getting his patients under his care, in the early stage. I cannot say that I have experienced this difficulty, nor should I think it is the experience of the generality of medical men. I should have supposed that the severe premonitory fever, of three or four days, with most generally the excruciating epigastric pain, so frequently felt, would have been reason enough, to induce the patients, to make timely application for medical aid, and that (as the case is with us,) the Doctor would have had even an opportunity of seeing the *very earliest* appearance of the eruption, in most cases, and even be familiar with the precursory eruptive fever. The excellent descriptions of which we find in all works on the subject, would also point out that the same difficulty has not arisen to all writers on the subject. I protest, therefore, for many reasons, against the limitation, Dr. W. would place on the application of tincture of iodine, and neither my communications, nor the writing of any of my friends, who have seconded my recommendation, of the application, can authorize him to draw any such conclusion. The cases I have given will show, that the great majority of them were painted on the *first* or *second* day of the eruption, and that it was commenced in one, on the *fifth* day, being that on which I was first called into consultation, by the attending physician, who had not tried the remedy previously, and if I have not been explicit enough, I might add, that I would apply it on *any day* of the eruption I first had the opportunity of doing so—and I should have hoped that the instruction I gave in your Journal, namely, to brush the tincture freely over the face, once or twice daily, from the *earliest day* of the eruption, *that is practicable*, and *continuing* the repetition of the application daily, or oftener, during the earlier period of maturation, would at least have shown that *in my view*, its use is not limited to the earliest days of the eruption. As your Journal, (now so extensively circulated,) may again meet the eye of Dr. Wallace, I would desire to point out, that on two occasions in 1844, and 1853, on which I drew the attention of the profession, to this application, I recommended it on account of its antiphlogistic properties, which I had previously fully tested in erysipelas, and other cutaneous diseases; now I should almost deem it superfluous to point out, that all applications of this character, are most effectual in the early stages, and