

*Therapeutic Effects on the Alimentary Canal.*—In the majority of cases a single lozenge taken every evening prevented the necessity of the administration of ordinary aperients, though not actually purgative. Distinct purgative effects are exceptional. The secretion of the liver is often increased in sluggish action of that organ, as is shown in the altered character of the fæces, which have been brought from a pale clay-color to the normal state. Although the action of the sulphur is slow compared to mercury, still in chronic torpid conditions of the liver the advantage of the sulphur over the mercurial treatment is undoubted. When we consider that the most important salt of human bile—namely, taurocholate of soda—is a sulphur compound and one containing a large proportion of that element, it might almost have been anticipated that the administration of sulphur for a long time would produce a marked alteration of the biliary secretion. In the case of sodium, the other base which is united with both the taurocholic and glycocholic acids, we have good evidence that its influence on the secretion of the bile is well marked, hence in hepatic and stomach disturbances we usually select sodium salts in preference to those of potassium or lithium. In hemorrhoidal conditions not suitable for surgical interference, and in some cases of bleeding from the rectum, the most marked beneficial effects from the continuous sulphur treatment have been seen.

*Diseased Condition of the Pulmonary Passages.*—That sulphur acts upon other mucous membranes besides those of the alimentary tract is made evident by the odor of sulphuretted hydrogen which can sometimes be detected in the breath. Experience has shown that certain forms of bronchitis, especially in the aged, are beneficially influenced by its administration.\*

*Diseases of the Skin.*—Sulphur is eliminated by the skin. In acne, psoriasis and prurigo it is useful either alone or with some other form of treatment; also in some forms of localized eczema, especially in those connected with the gouty diathesis, as pruritus ani.

*Morbid Conditions of the Muscular System.*—Sulphur has

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\* See Graves' Clinical Lectures.