

glands were so nearly alike that the question of priority could not be determined, and in 7 the records were incomplete.

English pathologists, while acknowledging the great frequency with which infection apparently enters through the respiratory tract, all unite in stating that in from 25—30 per cent. of their cases the primary lesion is connected with the intestinal tract. Colman²⁴ in 1893 published the details of a series of 60 cases occurring during a year's work in the post mortem rooms of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond street, London, and stated that as the result of his investigations, while not doubting an infection by milk in some cases, he attached more importance to infection through the thoracic glands as the tuberculous process was more advanced in them as a rule than in the mesenteric glands.

In 1894 J. Walter Carr²⁵ published the following record from the post mortem room of the Victoria Hospital for Children:—Out of 120 autopsies on tubercular children, he met with four in whom the disease was very generalized, and the infective lesion was not discovered; 79 cases in which the primary lesion was in the lungs or bronchial lymphatic glands; 20 cases in which the primary lesion was in the intestines or mesenteric glands, and 6 in which it was difficult to state which of these two systems was the earlier infected; in 11 the caseous centres were numerous, and it was impossible to say which was the primary one.

Dr. Guthrie in 1899,²⁶ tabulating the post mortem records of the Children's Hospital, Paddington Green, for the previous eight years stated that out of 77 cases dying of tubercular disease, he found 42 cases in which the primary lesion had been apparently in the respiratory tract; in 19 he met with it in the intestinal tract; in 7 both tracts were equally affected, and in 9 the origin was uncertain.

Dr. Still,²⁷ of Great Ormond street, in a very interesting paper gives us the following statistics:—

Lung.....	105	} 136	} 153=57%
Probably Lungs.....	33		
Ear.....	9		
Probably Ear.....	6		
Intestine.....	53	} 63	} =23%
Probably Intestine.....	10		
Bones. &c.....	5	} 53=nearly 20%	
Fauces.....	2		
Uncertain.....	46		