

teeth were to be kept clean. The mercury had the best effect and was least harmful when given by inunction. Where prompt action was needed, this was the best mode of administration. Contraindications to this mode were where there was too much adipose tissue, or in persons with tender skins. The essayist referred to a certain proprietary remedy. Its value lay only in its value as an eliminant. It had no definite antagonism on the toxins.

During treatment an important point to remember was to prevent irritation of any part of the body or the over-determination of blood to any particular part. This tended to prevent the formation of lesions. Hence, a student should not read too much ; and care should be taken by those whose work exposed them to avoid injury.

Regarding the initial sore, he said its character was not a positive guide as to the prognosis. As far as intoxication was concerned, there was no doubt a large lesion would be a hot bed of infection. A better guide to go by was the character of the ground. And it was to be remembered that a patient in excellent physical condition, even a pea-sized chancre with little signs of breaking down, may get very soon in a bad condition, if such precautions as the avoidance of drink and the like be not enforced. The speaker reported the case of a man who had a chancre about the size of a fifty-cent piece on the middle of the penis. In spite of all treatment he died of syphilis, the ground was so favorable.

Can syphilis be aborted by treatment of the primary sore? was the next question the doctor discussed.

It took about twenty days after infection for the primary sore to form so as to be recognized. It took about ten days for the inguinal glands to enlarge ; consequently, ten days before the sore was recognized there was infection of the glands, so it would be seen that it was useless to excise the primary sore. This did not counteract the view held that, if there was a hot-bed of infection, and one could diminish the size of the sore and make certain applications to inhibit the action and life of the organisms, the amount of intoxication from this hot-bed would be lessened ; but it was perfectly useless to excise the primary sore for the purpose of aborting the disease. This proved that it was a continuous process. Treatment should commence at once. The appearance of the secondary eruptions should not be waited for ; enlargement of the inguinal glands was sufficient. Some persons suffered more than others in the secondary stage. The ground accounted for it. Persons with a lowered condition of health suffered more than the robust. This latter condition should be maintained, if possible. Good hygiene, food of the proper quality and quantity,