

accompanying the disease was not controlled, the drug had a markedly helpful effect on the other side of the eczematous process, the exudation. A weeping eczema was very soon converted into a dry one, and in chronic dry eczema in several cases the drug seemed to hasten a cure by stimulating the skin. It was specially valuable in eczema of the face and scalp, so common in children.

In intestinal diseases constipation was relieved apparently by stimulation of peristalsis through increase of general nutrition. Acute and subacute diarrheas were not relieved. Local effects in the alimentary canal seem to be absent. As regards its general effect, it was plainly seen to have a marked influence upon the appetite and nutrition, thus acting well in chronic catarrh of the intestine.

Lupus.

A. C. White (*Med. Rec.*, July 22nd, 1899): The prospects of the use of liquid air in the treatment of lupus are extremely encouraging. One case of lupus erythematosus, involving the frontal region, both ears, and one side of the face, was put under treatment about two months ago. After two treatments the affected areas entirely desquamated, leaving the derma in perfectly healthy condition, slightly red, and no eschar. This was an obstinate case, which has been under treatment for a long time, resisting everything that had been done for it. There is no evidence of any tendency to recurrence. —*Sajous' Monthly Cyclop.*, August, 1899.

Urotropin in Urinary Diseases.

Ehrmann (*Wiener Med. Presse*, June 18th, 1899) has employed urotropin with very satisfactory results. It is hexamethylenetetramin formed from formaldehyde and ammonia. Given internally formaldehyde is found in the blood, and is then excreted in the urine. In 9 cases of periurethral abscess and cystitis after gonorrhea, where the urine was alkaline and ammoniacal and contained gonococci, and where opening the abscess and washing out the bladder had failed to cure, urotropin in doses of $7\frac{1}{2}$ grains three times a day brought about the desired result in three weeks. Five cases of bacteriuria following chronic gonorrhea were cured permanently. In one case, in spite of urotropin, relapses constantly recurred. Here there was probably a small fistulous communication with the rectum. In chronic posterior urethritis, with cloudy urine, which so long resists deep injections and irrigation of the posterior urethra and bladder, urotropin acted excellently, the urine clearing on the third or fourth day after its administration. Its action appeared to be specially marked in posterior