

there have been seven cases of lupus erythematosus, all of which have shown decided improvement, but only one of which is considered cured. There have been four cases of lupus vulgaris; three can be regarded as cured, and one is still under treatment very much improved. Eczema of various kinds is represented by ten cases, in which the ray appeared to assist, at times, other coincidentally employed methods. Five cases of inveterate psoriasis have been subjected to the rays with pronounced benefit in at least one of them. Eight cases of sycosis of inveterate form have all shown decided improvement, four having been symptomatically cured. In hypertrophic and rosaceous acne, two at least out of five cases have shown a marked effect beyond what could be expected from treatment coincidentally employed. Beside these there have been one case of leprosy, the patient claiming that improvement has taken place, and three cases of favus, in one of which at least the ray has appeared to be of decided benefit.

Taking, then, this series of cases as a basis for a personal estimate of the value of the X-ray as a therapeutic agent, my belief is that while it shows nothing especially brilliant, there are sufficient positive factors to enable us to state that in a class of obstinate and, in many instances, practically incurable maladies, so far as other known methods are concerned, we possess in the X-ray an adjunct to treatment which bids fair to prove of incalculable benefit.

Care must be exercised in its employment, for it is an element of power which may be exerted for evil as well as for good. Severe cancer, I believe, must be treated with careful oversight, and not left to electricians and non-medical workers in X-ray laboratories, with occasional observation on the part of the physician. Symptoms may arise with great suddenness which require modification or entire withdrawal of the rays for a season, with substitution of careful medical treatment.

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THE best way to administer castor oil is to place a tablespoonful of whiskey in the bottom of a cup, and overlay it with the indicated dose of oil, and over this place a little more whiskey. Do not stir, but give at one draught, and follow with coffee or hot milk. Given in this manner, oil is never tasted. The whiskey prevents griping. There is nothing better as a laxative after confinement, or in irritable states of the bowel.—*Medical Council.*