

symptoms only, but other physicians have also made the same diagnosis, and it is probably correct. I shall go back, however, better equipped in some ways, and hope to base future diagnoses on more exact knowledge.

Tuberculosis plays great havoc, being undoubtedly favored by the smallness of their houses, the very unsanitary condition of their surroundings, and the overcrowding of their sleeping apartments. In Korea, at any rate, whatever may be the case elsewhere, this disease does not result from the use of milk, as cows are used only as beasts of burden, never being subjected to the milking process, because the people do not use milk in any form. All forms of tubercular disease are observed—pulmonary, meningeal, and peritoneal—while diseases of bony tissues constitute a considerable proportion of the cases that are operated on in our hospital. Most of these appear to be tubercular, and include spinal column, all the joints, and the several long and flat bones.

Scrofular glands, too, are exceedingly common, and being left untreated for so long, or, if treated at all, subjected to the dirty, irritating applications of the native doctors, they come to us in very aggravated forms.

As hinted above, venereal diseases are exceedingly prevalent, but as they occur only in the forms that are prevalent here, no special description is necessary. Skin diseases are common in about the same ratio as in other lands, eczema leading easily, with scabies as a good second. We have found no other remedy for this so thorough and so rapid in its action as the golden wash, consisting of a solution of calcium sulphide, made by boiling together in water equal parts of slaked lime and sulphur.

Leprosy has gained a strong foothold in the south of the peninsula. It presents the usual varieties and aspects described in the text-books, viz., tubercular or nodular, anesthetic, or nerve leprosy, and mixed.

While the uninitiated may find difficulty in diagnosing this disease, especially in its early manifestations, experience gives great facility in recognizing it, because of its very definite symptoms. The first of these to be developed is probably the anesthesia. This occurs in isolated spots, can almost always be found, and is generally considered to be pathognomonic in suspected cases, suspicion being aroused by a peculiar appearance of the face caused by a thickening of the skin of the lower half of the forehead, producing the so-called "leonine" countenance. A feature that strikes one forcibly is the aged expression of the face, a man of twenty years often having the appearance of fifty. This is caused by the wrinkling and thickening of the skin of the face, produced by the deposit of the so-called tuberculous matter in it.

Like the leprosy of other countries, that in Korea is apparently