

of 120 F. The proteids becoming dissolved in the distilled water, the fluid is then decanted and filtered through porcelain, when finally the amount of proteids is determined and the preparation standardized to a certain per cent. The watery extract, as produced by me, and into which absolutely no culture fluid enters, is free from such admixtures and other impurities. It is a perfectly pure solution of the germs only, and being filtered through porcelain, is absolutely free from any germs or fragments thereof."

This solution is made of various strengths. Very minute doses are given at first daily by hypodermic injection. Very gradually these are increased, the object being in all cases to produce little or no fever. Should any occur the dose is diminished or stopped for a time, and then continued later on, in all cases avoiding perceptible reaction. The doses are gradually increased as long as required until immunity is produced and the disease arrested.

Of statistics furnished by Von Rue to prove the success of his method of specific treatment, the following is extracted from proofs now in the hands of the publisher :

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF RESULTS.

	Number of Cases.	Percentage of Recoveries.	Percentage of Improved.
Treated without specific remedies	816	12.1	31.0
“ with Koch's tuberculin	379	35.5	37.5
“ with antiphtherin and tuberculo- cidin (Kleb's)	182	32.5	56.8
“ with purified tuberculin (Von Rue)	166	43.4	39.2
“ with watery extract of tubercle bacilli (Von Rue)	303	56.1	33.7

I might add that a large number of reliable physicians, after pretty extensive trial, have endorsed this method of treatment. Among them are the names of Dr. Charles Dennison, of Denver, and Dr. Longstreet Taylor, of St. Paul.

One other matter, before closing. I had the pleasure of lunching with the patients who were well enough to appear in the dining-room. Von Rue and I occupied a table by ourselves at one end of the large room, my seat being situated so as to observe every patient present. There were about twenty-five of them, male and female about equally divided. The ages of most of them would be between twenty and thirty years, a few of them older.

Colored waiters in white coats attended. Each table was furnished with type-written bills-of-fare. The menu was well served, and would vie with any at the hotels in Asheville. The patients differed little in appearance from an ordinary