

ment of such cases. It is well, however, to make the patient understand before resorting to thermal baths that no measures should be employed that tend in any way to weaken his resisting powers. The patient during his stay at a bathing place should be under constant medical supervision.

The local treatment of the disease calls for the relief of the pain and spasms; the former may be combated by lotions of iodine and belladonna, the latter by fomentations; at the same time the patient should rest. Quiet should also be enforced during an acute exacerbation of the arthritis; salicylic compounds may be found of value also in such cases, and in those cases where the onset is that of the acute or subacute rheumatic type; at other periods of the disease salicylic acid should not be given, as its continuous employment tends to depress and therefore defeat the main object of treatment—increasing the resisting power.