

paction or to fæcal stasis in the cæcum in consequence of the inflammation. Now, this was a case which illustrated the point I mentioned in my letter to L. I have not the slightest doubt that, if a laparotomy had been performed, an inflamed and adherent, possibly a perforated, appendix, would have been found, yet the lad was recovering under ordinary measures. Still, the risks are very great, balancing those of an operation even at this early stage, as perforation into the general peritoneum is always imminent, and then there is the liability to recurrence, as shown, indeed, in this case.

In the Vesalianum one of the Privat Docenten, von Lenhossék, showed us the method of preserving subjects, which is that of Laskowski of Geneva. An injection of glycerin with carbolic acid, with a little alcohol, is first made, and then the ordinary Teichmann's mass, consisting of putty and bisulphide of carbon, with a suitable coloring ingredient. A preliminary washing out of the blood-vessels is advisable. In Geneva the subjects are wrapped in sheets, which are sprinkled with water, and Ramsay Wright tells me that the bodies were in an excellent state of preservation. Von Lenhossék said that they found it necessary to use alcohol in the tanks. The muscles are certainly very well kept by this method, and the dissection is said to be easier than in bodies preserved with the bichloride of mercury.

In the pathological laboratory Prof. Roth showed us a recent specimen of enormous epithelioma which had developed in an old leg ulcer, the result of a fracture many years before. The tumor had involved the bone and the leg had to be amputated. Under his direction, Dr. Dubler, the assistant, has been making an interesting research on suppuration, which has just been published. He comes to the conclusion, from a very large series of experiments, that the pus formation which follows the injection of chemical substances is the result of a delimiting inflammation about a primary necrotic area, and in the same way bacteria act by causing a necrosis, which the suppuration removes, so that there is no essential difference between the process in the two cases.

Here in Berne we found a model hospital on the pavilion plan,