

more evidence before we can regard potassium, or sodium iodide,—which is the condition in which they would reach the tissues whether iodine or iodoform was used—as a specific, unless it can be proven that, besides their alterative and germicidal value, they have specific virtues not hitherto recognized.

G. A. BROWN, M.D.—With regard to the bacilli being found in the sputum, I might say that it was examined by Dr. Williams and reported by him to contain numerous tubercle bacilli. Here the rise of temperature might be accounted for by the excitement coming here, as there has been no temperature for some time. One must appreciate the point in following these cases out, that there was a definite action every time after the injection. One saw these little fatty masses appearing in the tubercles, and when they ended the tissue would contract and whiten out as scar tissue. Consequently, if one pushed the drug long enough one must remove all the tubercular tissue. Here is a man with a tubercular laryngitis doing his work, the larynx is healing, contracting out and he is in good health. In the intervals between the injections, iodine in water and iron are administered; the latter is taken up quickly, they start right away to eat well and the skin becomes velvety. As to the action of iodoform, I do not think this has been rightly appreciated. In the reports one usually reads, it has been supposed to be due to the decomposition of the iodoform and is a local action of the iodine. The true action of iodoform has not been recognized; this definite action on the tubercle, in which it undergoes fatty degeneration is absorbed, and becomes scar tissue is constitutional. The important point is that most of those people have got well here in the city; they are going around doing their work. Of course it is bound to take time in extensive softening or even fairly marked softening, but the result is there. In Mrs. K.'s case there was granuloma of larynx and very marked softening; she could not eat and could not talk; that was a year ago. If one realizes the reaction which takes place, that a certain definite thing must occur, consequently, when the case is cured, or apparently so, if you are not sure of it; you can continue time and again until there is no doubt that every tubercle in the body must be eradicated. The same definite reaction occurred in this lupus of the face after every injection, and it must come to a definite successful conclusion in time.

APPENDICITIS SIMULATING TUBAL PREGNANCY.]

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