

indications are, to allay local irritation and to build up the constitution. Phlyctenular keratitis is of course the more serious form of the disease, both on account of the tendency to deep ulceration of the cornea, and also on account of the tendency of the iris to become involved. Phlyctenules on the cornea result in opacities more or less dense, according to the depth of the ulceration; and inflammation of the iris may result in occlusion of the pupil.

In treating children with phlyctenular disease, it is frequently necessary at the outset to administer chloroform. When under its influence, the eyes can be thoroughly examined and the local remedy efficiently applied; moreover, the spasm of the orbicularis (blepharospasm) and the photophobia are often decidedly diminished after the anæsthetic.

The best local treatment in the case of young children, is to keep the eye constantly under the influence of atropine. When a four-grain solution is applied twice a-day, the excessive watery secretion being first removed, to prevent the dilution of the atropine solution. Excoriation of the integument of the eyelids and cheek can be prevented to a great extent, by absorbing the excessive watery discharge from the eyes with pads of lint bandaged over the eyeballs. Bandaging, however, should be resorted to in those cases only where the lachrymation is unusually excessive, and abandoned as soon as practicable, for the photophobia does not diminish while the eyes are kept secluded from the light. Any accompanying eczema or ulceration of the nasal mucous membrane may be treated with the local application of the nitrate of mercury ointment, or the plasma of the red oxide of iron. Children under five years of age should be put on a milk diet combined either with stale bread or well cooked oatmeal porridge. The less the deviation from this wholesome diet the better; if the milk is rich in cream, the administration of cod-liver oil is rendered less necessary. A tonic course of treatment is invariably indicated, and there is probably no preparation better adapted to these cases than that of the syrup of the iodide of iron. The sleeping apartments and playrooms should be made as healthy as possible; and when the weather is favourable, the