

valvular lesion or pericardial adhesion. In some cases there may be hypertrophy of the heart without either valvular disease or pericardial adhesions. Myocarditis may be present without pericarditis. In some cases there may only be a weakening of the myocardium, as shown by faintness, pain and heart-hurry. He thinks the dilatation and hypertrophy are due to the action of the rheumatic poison.

Tuberculin in Tuberculosis.

Dr. W. C. Wilkinson, Lecturer in Medicine, University of Sydney, in the *British Medical Journal*, June 7, contends that tuberculin is a very valuable remedy in tuberculosis. It should be used early in the disease, and before there is mixed infection. After this has occurred it is of doubtful value, may indeed do harm. In every one of 70 cases treated in this way, there was improvement. He contends that it is only now that the true value of tuberculin is being determined. If there be not mixed infection, and the tuberculin is properly used, the bacilli gradually die out, and the symptoms of the disease disappear.

Lactic Acid in the Treatment of Baldness.

Balzer (*Medical Times*) recommends friction of the bald part daily with a 30 per cent. solution of lactic acid until the skin becomes inflamed. The treatment is discontinued until the local irritation subsides when it is begun again. The results are said to be good, in some cases a new growth of hair being obtained in three or four weeks. The germicidal action of the remedy and the local stimulation produced afford a satisfactory explanation of the beneficial effects.

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We regret to record the death of Dr. Wyatt Johnston, of Montreal. He was educated at McGill. For a number of years he was connected with his alma mater, as one of her esteemed professors in the Faculty of Medicine. He was an original worker in the field of pathology. A few weeks ago he was elected to the Chair of Hygiene. He took a deep interest in matters pertaining to public health, and was an active member of the National Public Health Association. He was well known also for his work in jurisprudence. Thrombosis of one of the femoral veins occurred and sudden death from an embolism resulted.
