

the dose should be taken at once, as I believe that the presence of water changes somewhat the taste of the free phosphorus; if exposed to the air the phosphorus oxidizes, and the less efficient phosphoric acid is formed. Commonly the dose may be increased by one or two drops daily until thirty are taken three times daily; the dose is then increased more slowly, one drop every other day, until forty or forty-five are taken each time, and in rare cases, if it agrees, even a larger amount may be given; but seldom have I given as much as sixty drops to a dose. As the disease yields the dosage is still continued, if well borne, even until the lesions have quite disappeared and superficial cicatrization has taken place.

It is well to watch patients very carefully while taking this remedy, noting the condition of the tongue and of the digestion, and with the least disturbance the drops should be stopped for the time, and proper measures instituted to restore the deranged functions. if there is any constipation or signs of liver disturbance I always give a mild dose of blue-mass, colocynth, and ipecac, repeated on the second night after; if then the bowel discharge has been free and the tongue is not coated the drops may be resumed at a smaller dose than when stopped, and the amount again increased, yet more slowly and cautiously.

In many instances the greatest benefit will result from the administration of full doses of nitric acid after each meal, well diluted, in the interval of cessation of the drops, say for a week, when they may be returned to as before. This course of nitric acid may be repeated from time to time with advantage.

When there is much heat and flushing in the eruption, it will often be better to give, in place of the nitric acid, the acetate of potassium, in doses of fifteen grains, with the fluid extract of rumex, and nux vomica, well diluted, half an hour before meals, as in acne rosacea. This I have sometimes seen to have a most beneficial effect upon the eruption, and when the phosphorus has seemed to have lost its effect on the lesions, I have observed it to take hold of them strongly after a course of a week or so of the acetate and rumex mixture.

In many instances, however, there has been little or no diffi-