

THERAPEUTIC NOTES

Tuberculosis. — E. G. Reeve (*Practitioner*), has treated patients with a morning dose of 20 grains of potassium iodide. Children down to three years stand this dose very well. The chlorine water is given regularly in three doses of one ounce each at the ordinary times. In early cases, a good prognosis may be given; great and lasting improvement in the advanced cases.

Scorbutus. — E. Freise (*Monat. für Kinder*), reports the case of a child of eleven months clinically cured in seven weeks with a total administration of 13.79 gm. of an alcoholic extract of the common beet. It was given in the form of an emulsion in water, two c.c. of extract in 100 c.c. of water per day, added to which were a few drops of normal hydrochloric acid. Repeated Roentgen examinations showed extensive repair proceeding in the bones.

Tabes and Syphilis. — Boggs and Snowdon (*Arch. Int. Med.*), report eight cases treated by the intraspinal method. It would seem from these that the treatment is a step in advance. There was uniform relief from pain and definite improvement in locomotion. In some this was returned to normal. There was also marked psychic effect from this treatment. The quick relief of the pain so encouraged the patients that they more cheerfully used their legs to practise walking and stair-climbing.

Obesity. — J. M. Anders (*N. Y. M. J.*), says this is a symptom rather than a pathological entity. Successful treatment demands the removal of underlying causative conditions. There should be painstaking inquiries to ascertain the cause. In persons predisposed to corpulency prophylactic measures are advised and encouraged. If there is a hereditary predisposition, the fat-forming substances must be restricted during childhood and adolescence; but the normal amount of fat may be allowed, as well as protein, where the young person takes an average amount of muscular exercise. For anemia, iron; and for imprudences in eating and drinking, correction. Physical torpor should be overcome by suitable exercise. The prevention of gouty and rheumatic dispositions is essential.