

is not attained, yet he has taken a remedy, the mere existence of which was all we knew, and he has made practical applications of it and has placed the cases before us. The patients themselves tell their own story. Dr. Brown is certainly to be congratulated.

J. B. McCONNELL, M.D.—Up to the present time, as far as we know, there is no recognized cure for consumption, and I am sure it would mark a very great advance in medicine if one of our members were to be instrumental in giving us one. About one percent of tuberculous cases recovered one hundred years ago; by modern methods, which we know are largely hygienic, and work along the lines of fortifying the system in order to overcome the tuberculous process—which has such a very great tendency to healing in itself—we now have a very much larger percentage of recoveries, and improvement, ranging from 25 to 75 per cent, but we are still far from having such control of the disease as Dr. Brown believes we have in iodoform. I certainly did not expect that it was one of the old remedies we were to hear of tonight. We know that iodoform and iodine are of value. The iodide of iron has been used in strumous conditions for decades. In my early years of practice iodoform was the only remedy that was supposed to be of any use in tubercular meningitis, and the virtue of cod-liver oil in tuberculosis was supposed to be due to the iodine it contained. Dr. Brown has apparently shown some good results in his new method of using iodoform; but I think that we would be asking too much of him to expect that he would get absolute cures. I think that if he has brought before us a method which tends to cure, and produces such marked improvement as has been shown in the cases presented this evening, it certainly will be a great gain. The cases we have seen here tonight are not typical of the phthisical class that we see sometimes. They are mostly florid, and healthy-looking, subjects, and therefore would likely respond any approved method of treatment. We would need to have much further experience with the method before we could regard it as a cure. The action of iodine we know is tonic and alterative, and we generally use it for the dissolving of inflammatory thickenings, and glandular enlargements. A cure in phthisis is brought about largely through the production of fibrous or cicatricial tissue about the diseased focus. Would not iodine tend to lessen this conservative process? And the fatty degeneration which Dr. Brown says occurs so speedily after the use of the iodoform if the bacilli are not at the same time destroyed, might it not result in their dissemination, as occurs sometimes after the use of tuberculin. In the adenitis case there is certainly a marked improvement, but I have seen a like result from iodine, as we ordinarily use it, combined with a general building-up treatment. We need much