

be treated as an object of suspicion. The presence of follicles alone is of no significance, but when accompanied by conjunctival discharge, the latter would arouse a suspicion of some communicable infection, though not necessarily trachoma. No child who is even suspected of having trachoma should be allowed to run at large with other children, but it is difficult to follow the reasoning which excludes such a child from a well-ordered school room and then turns him loose in the far more intimate association of the street and the home.

*Treatment.*—Follicular conjunctivitis being harmless and self limited, though extending over a long period of time, the treatment should be of such a kind that the eyes be left, when all is over, in at least as good condition as similar untreated eyes, and this cannot be said of many of the methods in vogue at present. Enlarged glands in the conjunctiva should be treated on the same principles as similar glands in other parts of the body. Instead of a mere routine of local applications, attention should be paid to a child's health, his feeling, and the conditions under which he lives. This cannot be done in a dispensary, but should be a regular part of any school inspection worth the name. Internal treatment is often called for, chiefly tonics like iron, cod liver oil, and especially the iodine preparations.

The benefit to be derived from local treatment depends far more on the persistency and regularity of home applications than on the choice of any particular drug. I have used simple solutions of boric acid, astringent solutions of zinc sulphate, and preparations of silver, both organic and inorganic, and applications of iodine and glycerin, all with good results in some cases and poor ones in others, depending largely, as it has seemed to me, on the amount of home discipline. One cannot get good results when the mother is careless and dirty, or when the child is so spoiled that each application, no matter how painless, is made only after a rough and tumble fight. Applications which are to be made at home should be painless and clean.

At present I am using an ointment of copper citrate, put up in a small tin tube with a pointed end, which is covered and kept clean when not in use by a screw cap. The mother is taught