

the remaining soft structures were carefully scraped away. The large cavity left was carefully irrigated with corrosive sublimate (1 to 1000). Two drainage tubes were inserted, the lips of the wound were brought together and covered with iodoform gauze, slight extension was put on the limb. For a few days the state of the patient was very favorable, the temperature became normal, and there was freedom from pain. After eight days, however, the temperature commenced to rise in the evenings, and the wound to pour out a large quantity of pus. The already almost healed wound was laid open, and the copious discharge of pus soon reduced the patient's strength so much that nothing but a fatal issue was looked forward to. The temperature varied from 100° in the mornings to 104° in the evenings. Quinine and other agents, including cod liver oil, had no effect in allaying any of the symptoms. Arsenic was now given, at first in doses of one drop and after a few days two drops of Fowler's solution. After fourteen days of the arsenical treatment the condition of the child changed wonderfully. The temperature fell to normal, and the appetite improved rapidly. The wound commenced to heal and in the course of four weeks it had become superficial. The general state of the child had quickly undergone a wonderful change from an apparently hopeless condition to one of considerable vigor. In Langenbeck's remaining five cases results similar, and almost as striking, as the one related, occurred.

The results obtained by Langenbeck are certainly very striking and demand the serious attention of all those who have to do with the treatment of such cases. It is idle speculating as to the way in which it can possibly act for good in these cases. It appears improbable that the good effects can be attributed to the marked hæmatinic properties which we know it does possess.

In a future number we intend making reference to the action of arsenic in lymphomatous tumors. There has quite recently been published evidence of this action of such a nature as to leave no room for doubt but that we have in arsenic an agent that is capable of curing many of these cases.