

hitherto was only amenable to mechanical measures, can now be treated successfully with radium.

*Acne Vulgaris and Acne Keloid.*—Chronic cases of acne vulgaris, particularly those associated with considerable scarring, may be treated in a similar manner with good results.

Acne keloid is usually situated on the nape of the neck, and the difficulty of permanent cure of these tumors by surgical operations is recognized by all surgeons. As a rule, recurrence takes place, the tumor frequently being more voluminous than that removed by the operation. Electrolysis and scarification are successful in a few cases, but very prolonged and painful treatment is invariably required. Radium applied by means of plaques appears to be particularly appropriate to the treatment of obstinate cases of keloid acne. This fact is attributed by Wickham and Degrais to the special receptivity of the keloid tissue and to the influence of radium on the pilo-sebaceous glands. It produces immediate destruction of the hair and glands, and thus prevents recurrence of the keloid tumor. In their latest publication they stated that they have treated some hundreds of cases in this way, with more or less marked improvement in every instance, and in the majority of cases complete disappearance of the tumor. Recent keloids sometimes disappear in from six weeks to two months. Although some of these cases are of long standing, there has not been a single recurrence, which is the more remarkable when one takes into consideration the fact that such tumors almost invariably recur when treated in any other manner. In a few cases they have combined radiation with surgical extirpation, and they report one case in which a tumor had recurred four times after operation, but after the fifth operation, which was followed by radiation, there has been no recurrence, although the case is of several years' standing. We have had also a most excellent result in a case of acne keloid on the neck of a young man who had suffered from the affection for six years.

*Parasitic Diseases of the Skin.*—These include sycosis of the beard and ringworm of the scalp. Sycosis represents a localized folliculitis affecting the beard or moustache, and due to the presence of staphylococci in the pilous follicles. Both the X-rays and radium are beneficial in this condition, as well as in ringworm of the scalp, the lesions disappearing within two or three weeks after the commencement of radiation. Only short applications of unscreened plaques are required. If sycosis has reached the stage of deep involvement of the cutis, together with hypertrophic dermatitis,