

In 1877 No. of patients 457. Of these were 167 in the first stage, remaining each 86 days; cured 44—26·3 per cent. 163 in the second stage, each 103 days; cured 12—7·3 per cent. 127 in the third stage, each 81 days; cured 3—2·3 per cent.

CONCLUSIONS.—I. Phthisis in its different varieties and in all its stages has been cured repeatedly by a comparatively short residence and treatment at Georbersdorf.

II. The location of the sanitarium within the region for immunity from phthisis has probably a very favorable influence on the condition of the patients.

III. Brehmer's peculiar method of treating his patients is that of "common sense" and "good judgment."

IV. The advantages of a health resort like Goerbersdorf, gained by its location, is partly, at least, counteracted by the unfavorable influence which the presence of so many sick persons must necessarily have on each patient's mind.

V. Brehmer's method of treating his phthisical patients ought to be considered and adopted by the medical profession of this country.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISINFECTION.

The following circular was prepared for general distribution under the auspices of the National (U. S.) Board of Health.

In transmitting the report the Chairman, Prof. C. F. Chandler, Ph. D., remarks :

It has been the aim of the committee to prepare concise directions for disinfection, so simple and clear that they may be easily followed by any person of intelligence.

In the selection of disinfecting agents the aim has been, 1st to secure agents which can be relied upon to accomplish the work ; 2nd, which can be procured in a state of comparative purity in every village in the United States ; 3rd, so cheap that they can be used in adequate quantities.

It is extremely important that the people should be instructed with regard to disinfection. They must be taught that no reliance can be placed on disinfectants simply because they smell of chlorine or carbolic acid, or possess the color of permanganate, and that, in general, proprietary disinfectants with high sounding names are practically worthless, as they either have no value whatever, or if of