

that prostatic hypertrophy is constantly followed by acute retention in old men who indulge too freely in certain waters. Hence the necessity for carefulness and discretion in this matter. My object in dwelling at such length on this subject is mainly to endeavour to dispel that feeling of unconcern which I think exists in the profession regarding it, and also to enlist the services of those who may have opportunities for investigating the properties of these waters in order that certain reliable data may be obtained for the guidance of the profession.

To deliver an address in connection with medicine at this time without referring in some way to the great German bacteriologist, would be like playing Hamlet without the Prince. Since this Association last met, tuberculin, that great modern medical mystery, has come and gone. The latter part of this statement will doubtless be challenged by some of my hearers. That tuberculin came, there can be no manner of doubt; and with what a rush did it come. One Western editor described it as a "germanicidal tornado." There are few among us who at one time would not have given some dollars for a few teaths of a cubic centimetre of the one per cent. solution. The medical literature of the past ten months will be strange reading twenty years hence. Who can forget the enthusiasm with which Koch's first announcement was received and the excitement which pervaded all Christendom during those two or three winter months. "To Berlin!" was the universal cry. Then quickly came the stage of scepticism and disbelief, and before six months had passed the indignant cry was raised, "Away with Koch's lymph." Who does not sympathise with Koch? That genial, modest, earnest man, whose only fault was in being too precipitous. That tuberculin in its present form is a liquid possessing most dangerous properties has now been conclusively demonstrated. Mr. Watson Cheyne, in his very candid report presented before the British Medical Association the other day confirms the conclusions of Virchow and other authorities that its hurtful action in many cases outweighs its good effects to such an extent as to lead to its abandonment or preclude its employment. Further, he states he has of late become fully convinced that tuberculin