

TUBERCULOSIS AND PREGNANCY.

Lambinon (*Fourn. d'accouchements*, Sept. 24, 1899) gives a brief compilation of the present state of our knowledge of this association. In 1895 Charrin insisted that the toxins in a pregnant woman suffering from an infectious disease would necessarily affect her progeny ; this being especially true of tuberculosis and pneumonia. Children born under these circumstances gain in weight very slowly.

However, the fact has been cited that in orphan and foundling asylums hereditary tuberculosis (which in theory ought to occur more frequently than in children of the living), does not cause an increase in the natural morbidity of childhood in general.

But it is undeniable that now and then a case of undoubted congenital tuberculosis is reported. Lehmann, Doleris, and Bourges and others have published well-attested cases of this sort, explicable by no other hypothesis than intrauterine infection.

Bar and Renon, Schmorl and Birsch and others have found bacilli in the blood of the umbilical vein in cases in which the mother was in a moribund condition from tuberculosis.

Lambinon, however, looks upon such cases as medical curiosities and exceptions which proved the rule. Practically the child of tuberculous ascendants is not exposed to the action of either the bacillus or its toxins. It may inherit a delicate organization, such as would readily fall a prey to tuberculosis, but that is all. A child born of a tuberculous mother should be separated from her immediately after its birth.

NURSING BY ALBUMINURIC WOMEN.

P. Budin and Chavane have observed five albuminuric women immediately after delivery and four during the months following labor. All of these nursed their children without any unfavorable results to the infants themselves. The albuminuria frequently disappears rapidly, and in any event does not delay convalescence.

OBSERVATION ABOUT SORE NIPPLES.

According to Platzer sore nipples are caused through biting and pulling, during the process of nursing. The best treatment of fissures are applications of carbolic acid solution. Ulcerations should be washed with corrosive sublimate solution and dusted with dermatol. In mastitis nursing