

been adopted. There were both chronic patches and those of more acute, somewhat inflammatory character, attended with considerable heat and burning. During the past few months she has been under full doses of the phosphorus, with again happy effects. There has been almost immediate cessation of all acute symptoms, and many of the lesions have almost disappeared, there having been no local applications made. Many of the other lesions have also shrunk, and some have completely cicatrized. I have repeatedly shown and lectured upon this patient, and the marked and steady improvement has been strongly commented upon by the physicians attending the Post-Graduate Medical School.

It is not wise to attempt to present data or statistics in regard to the cure of such an eruption by any special line of treatment; we all know how unreliable such statements may be in a special and consultation practice, and I will not attempt it on the present occasion. I may state, however, that in a very considerable number of cases I have seen the lesions of lupus erythematosus subside and entirely disappear under the treatment proposed, and in a number of instances I have had the patients under observation, in one way or another, for a length of time after treatment.

In reference now to the particular plan of treatment recommended, I wish first to state that I do not by any means claim priority in the use of phosphorus in lupus erythematosus, for I believe it has been mentioned in some of the older books, and I do not know where I first found the suggestion which led to its employment.

But I have searched in vain in the more recent works for any mention of its use, except such as I have myself occasionally thrown out from time to time; these latter, however, do not appear to have attracted attention—in!eed, this treatment was mentioned only casually in connection with other subjects. In the light of my experience, therefore, I wish now to bring forward this remedy as a most valuable addition to our internal treatment of this disease, for the therapeutics of lupus erythematosus is certainly far from satisfactory, as may be judged