

The technique to be practical must be studied more in detail than is possible in a review. Suffice to say that Dr. Wickham usually injects preparation deep into the gluteal muscles at the point of intersection of the lines marking the transverse third with that marking the upper quarter of the buttock. The cyanide of mercury may be used intravenously.

In this article one finds the belief expressed that it is of great importance to *intermit the treatment*, thus preventing the patient from becoming habituated to the drug, a condition often lost sight of even by good surgeons. The *early* treatment with mercury is also advocated.

It is necessary at the very beginning, at the period of chancre to "strike hard." With this object, Dr. Wickham advises to begin the use of *daily* injections of biniodide during the first month. Then a rest of three weeks, followed by six injections of grey oil at five day intervals. Then the periods of rest are fixed at about five weeks. So that in the first year five months are devoted to treatment and seven to rest. In the second year he has four months of treatment and in the third year three months.

Between Wickham and Hutchinson there is a unanimous belief in the need and efficacy of early treatment. They admit that often it is impossible to be sure of the diagnosis, but in such cases where no doubt exists, Hutchinson advocates the prompt administration of the appropriate treatment. Touton, in his article from Wiesbaden, which will have further consideration later, warns his colleagues who may read his paper in the following words: "I cannot sufficiently impress upon them the importance of not beginning the mercurial treatment before the constitutional symptoms are evident, or the syphilitic nature of the initial lesion is established beyond all possibility of error, especially by the characteristic swelling of inguinal glands." At bottom there is no difference in the views of these clinicians.

Hutchinson administers mercury by the mouth; he does not do so because he thinks it more effectual, but because it is far more convenient; with respect to the length of time to continue the mercury he says: "I have formed very strong impressions in favour of continuous and very prolonged courses". He gives grey powder with Dover's powder, one grain each, three times daily, and if no diarrhoea is induced after a few days, the pill is given four, five or six times daily. "All soups, fruit and green vegetables are peremptorily forbidden," and the treatment is kept up for one year at least. At Wiesbaden and at Aix-la-Chapelle mercurial inunctions are freely used, and the effectiveness of the remedy is increased, as is believed by those at Wiesbaden, by baths and water drinking, a saline, sodium chloride,