

organs throughout the body. The writer proceeds to outline the method of securing *anti-toxine*, a toxalbumin from the bacteria, which has been used a few times in the treatment of diphtheria with apparent success.

Dr. Meyers, of Toronto, gives a translation of a paper by Rauzier, of Montpellier, on "NEURASTHENIA." This is a disease of this *fin de siècle*, occurring mostly in adults, as a result of excessive study, professional or political overpressure, the multiplicity of distractions of high life, trauma, general diseases, such as tuberculosis, disorders of the stomach or genito-urinary organs, etc. The article is not complete in this issue.

Dr. J. T. Fotheringham, Toronto, gives a graphic description of "THE RITE OF CIRCUMCISION, AS PRACTISED BY THE HEBREWS OF TO-DAY." The operator was a dirty German Jew, a butcher. Amid prayers in a guttural voice, he undid the diaper, and disclosed the child's penis in a state of erection, induced, doubtless, before he was brought in, as a safeguard against too close a shearing off of the prepuce. The foreskin was removed by a sweep of the knife, the mucous membrane torn and pushed back, and the bleeding stump promptly taken into the mouth and sucked vigorously, the blood being expectorated into a saucerful of ashes. Its cries were stopped by sweet stuff. A strip of linen, soaked in whiskey, constituted the dressing. Wound healed in three days.

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PUERPERAL SEPTICÆMIA.—Dr. Wright, physician to the Burnside Lying-in Hospital, Toronto, reports a fatal case of puerperal septicæmia. Patient was a prostitute, aged seventeen, with a gonorrheal history. Perineum lacerated during delivery, afterwards stitched.

Signs of septicæmia showed themselves on the third day. Uterine douching, elimination and stimulation were employed. Local cellular inflammations occurred in the arms and one leg. Temperature ranged from 101° to 105.6°, and respirations were very rapid. The baby became infected, and was affected in same way generally and locally, and died.

Post mortem of mother: Cloudy swelling of heart, with ante and post mortem clots in it; spleen weighed fourteen ounces, pale and diffuent; liver markedly enlarged with cloudy swelling and interstitial inflammation; cloudy swelling also of kidneys; peritoneum normal; veins running from the perineal laceration were filled with puriform clot and inflamed, and streptococci were abundant.

Dr. Wright's theory of causation is, that the foul vaginal discharge infected the lacerated perineum, and that the child was probably poisoned in its passage through. The anti-partum douche is recommended by the Doctor in hospital patients.

Dr. Primrose gives the history of "EXCISION OF THE ELBOW JOINT FOR TUBERCULAR DISEASE." Scott's dressing was tried first with little avail. On opening the joint the only articular point diseased was the cartilage over the capitellum. After scraping and douching with 1-1000 perchloride, suturing, drainage, and dressing, the forearm was placed midway between pronation and supination, and the elbow flexed at a suitable angle. Good recovery.

Dr. Primrose favours a splint of absorbent wool in large quantities with firm bandaging.

"ACUTE MANIA FOLLOWING THE OPERATION OF TRACHELORRHAPHY," is by Dr. K. N. Fenwick, Kingston, Ont. He reports three cases where mania followed repair of the lacerated cervix. Recovery