

SURPRISED AND GRATIFIED.

In relating his experience in the treatment of gouty conditions, Dr. Arthur Bailey Francis, (Queen's College), Belfast, Ireland, reports the case of J. W., a gentleman in advanced life and of marked gouty diathesis who came under treatment complaining of severe pains in the lumbar region and extending down one leg to far below the knee. Dr. Francis says:—"I found that he had received a chill and was also suffering from catarrhal bronchitis. I diagnosed lumbago and sciatica, and put in force the orthodox methods of treatment one after the other, but with little benefit to the patient. Insomnia now became a cause of anxiety, bromides had little or no effect, and I was revolving in my mind the safety and advisability of morphia, hypodermically, when it occurred to me to first try the effect of antikamnia and codeine tablets. This I did, ordering one tablet at bed-hour to be followed in fifteen minutes by a similar dose, and that also by a third at the expiration of half an hour from the administration of the last. On seeing the patient the following morning I was surprised and gratified to find that he had passed a quiet night, slept well, and that the pain in back and legs was greatly modified. I continued the administration of antikamnia and codeine tablets after this and before the end of the week the patient was quite free from pain, slept well, and was, in fact, convalescent. I should mention that this patient is seventy years of age, but notwithstanding this, I could detect no depressing effect on heart or nervous system consequent on the administration of these tablets.

"Since treating the above case I have prescribed antikamnia and codeine tablets for insomnia, lumbago, sciatica, neuralgia in all its forms including tic-douloureux, hemicrania, and that due to dental carries, and always with the most satisfactory results."

NOT INCOMPATIBLE.

In an original article written for "Medical Reprints" Dr. George Selkirk Jones writes:—"Another, and most important, subject for study will be that of incompatibility with respect to Antikamnia. At present I have not encountered this difficulty, for in the treatment of rheumatism, for example, with alkalies and potassium iodide, the occasional use of antikamnia tablets appears to act as a most useful auxiliary, and a quiescent condition of nerve, brought about by the action of the latter, appears to predispose towards a more perfect metabolism. In this respect I believe that antikamnia tablets are destined to play a new and important role in medical therapeutics, for if a nerve storm can be controlled