

of the thermometer, or the examination of the urine in the same disease. Again, even in adults he is prescribing for the relief of influenza and does he keep the ear under constant supervision and apply timely treatment, the same precautions should be taken in pneumonia, typhoid, etc., although perhaps not as necessary as in the former conditions.

We should be very careful about spraying or douching the nose and throat in the exanthemata, etc., for fear of setting up an inflammation in the middle ear. The experience at some large Hospitals, where diphtheria and exanthemata are cared for, is that the cases in which douche or spray was used, quite often had middle ear disease, so that finally some of the attending surgeons abandoned washing the nose and throat, and above all we should never prescribe salt and water to be sniffed up the nose, either in the exanthemata or for the removal of the ordinary catarrhal secretions. I am aware that in making this last statement I am condemning a treatment carried out by some of the most eminent rhinologists of this country and of Europe, but I have seen a conspicuously large number of purulent ear diseases with their complications and sequelae the direct result of this treatment, and during the past summer I performed a double mastoid operation on a patient who only a couple of weeks previously had had this remedial agent prescribed.

Next what is to be done after infection of the tube has taken place and the resulting earache has begun. Examination of the drum membrane at this time will reveal a congestion of its surface generally distributed, but more pronounced in the region of the manubrium plexus.

At this stage I believe the first essential is rest, which lowers arterial pressure and is thus at once a decided aid towards resolution, without surgical interference, which should be our aim at this stage.

Minute doses of calomel until laxative effect is produced.

As to local therapeutics at this stage, I place great reliance on irrigation of the ear with a solution as hot as can be tolerated but one of the chief difficulties is the proper employment of this agent, at home where very often its use has little merit other than well meaning.