

After the promulgation of Dr. Pallis' theory of the use and effect of the sulphites and hyposulphites in the zymotic diseases, and after I had seen something of its use in typhoid fever, I concluded to give this remedy a trial in scarlatina, and have since given it very frequently as a remedy of much power, as I believe, in controlling the symptoms of the developed disease, by eliminating or destroying the poison, and also as a prophylactic.

On the 12th of February, 1865, I was called to attend a little child of Mr. T., of this city. The child was about one and a half years of age, and suffering with a severe attack of scarlatina-anginosa. I gave five grains of hyposulphite of soda, dissolved in syrup and water, every four hours, and ordered that the well child, who was about three years of age, should have the same dose three times a day. The patient improved rapidly and with ordinary attention soon recovered, and the other child showing no symptoms of the disease, the medicine was discontinued after five days.

In the early part of June, 1865, I was called to attend Miss S., a stout girl, of fifteen years of age, who had been exposed to and had taken scarlatina, which was, when first seen by me, fully developed. I used the same remedy in ten-grain doses every three hours, and gave five grains three times a day to a little girl of four years, who had been with her most of the time since she had been complaining, and who continued to stay with and around her during her whole sickness. The patient recovered rapidly, seeming to be favorably affected by the hyposulphite, and the little girl, with whom the medicine was continued a week, had no symptoms whatever of the complaint.

Again, by reference to my notes, I find an interesting case, commencing April 4, 1865. Mr. F. has two interesting girls, one eight and the other two years of age. The eldest was taken sick with scarlet fever, and I commenced giving, in connection with other remedies, the hyposulphite of soda, in five to eight grain doses every three or four hours, and three grains three times a day to the little one. After the first day's treatment I myself was taken ill, and obliged to ask a neighboring physician to take charge of my patients, which he very kindly did, including the scarlet fever patient. After three days I again got about, and was advised by my friend, who had attended my business, to be sure to see this scarlet fever patient early, as he thought it very probable I should lose her. I did, and, of course, as I had not urged it, the hyposulphite treatment was not followed either for the child with the fever or the one exposed to it. I immediately returned to the plan of treatment I commenced upon, and in twenty-four hours thereafter my patient was much