

rhage ceased. Creolin douche was given and an hypodermic of ergotin. The loss of blood had been considerable ; the patient was blanched, almost pulseless, and the extremities cold. Frequent hypodermics of brandy were given. At eleven o'clock next morning the pulse was 126 and temperature 99°. She steadily improved and made a good recovery.

DR. TELFER confirmed Dr. O'Connor's report.

DR. REDDY, in referring to these cases of cystic degeneration or hydatidiform mole, believed that there was a loss of vitality in the ovum, which disappeared early, and the placenta went on to cystic degeneration.

Correspondence.

JAUNDICE AS A COMPLICATION OF TYPHOID FEVER.

To the Editors of THE MONTREAL MEDICAL JOURNAL.

SIRS,—In the report of the meeting of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of the 9th of January which you give in your March number, I am represented as stating that "jaundice in typhoid fever was not rare, though not often seen here." This is not the meaning I intended to convey, though I have no doubt the words are correctly reported. Jaundice is a very rare complication, and I can recall but one instance of its occurrence. In that case the patient was pregnant and there was an overloaded colon, so that a mechanical cause might have existed. Dr. Hutchinson, the author of the article *Typhoid Fever* in *Pepper's System of Medicine*, says that he has never seen this complication, and is inclined to think that it is very rare in America. Murchison met with but three cases, all of which were fatal, although in two the jaundice had disappeared before death. Altogether he could collect but nine cases, all of which were fatal but one. Griesinger observed jaundice in 10 out of 600 cases, and several of them recovered. Hoffmann (quoted by Hutchinson) found it in 10 out of 250 cases ; Liebermeister in 6 cases out of 1420.

I quote the figures to correct the wrong impression my words may have given to those of the Society who were present on the evening in question, as well as to those who have read the words reported.

Yours very truly,

R. L. MACDONNELL.

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