

is applied over the eye and the positive to the nucha. The contra-indications to the use of electricity are acute inflammations of the eye. With the idea of improving the nutrition of the nerve, he also treats these cases with massage using a massage cup connected with a Victor transformer and Pyncheon pump attachment: the vibrations should not exceed 150 per minute and better results were frequently obtained with a lower number. The contra-indications for the use of the massage are the same as those for the use of the electric current. Wurdemann reports a number cases in which the results are certainly very marked but he is perfectly candid in acknowledging his failures. Cases of tabetic atrophy are among those which fail to record any improvement and he concludes that improvement or cessation of the loss of vision can only be hoped for in partial primary atrophy or that following papillitis. Some improvement seems to be gained in cases of retinitis pigmentosa and in toxic amblyopia.

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R. P. CAMPBELL, M.D.:—In reference to the question of treatment it is difficult to know what the future will decide as best in these cases; myself, if I had a kidney which showed a focus even as small as the smallest here, I would have that kidney removed. One must admit, however, that this does seem a very radical procedure, where so small a lesion is present. Nevertheless, there is always the danger, not only that the bladder may become involved, but that infection of other organs through the blood and lymph may occur. The question of partial nephrectomy does not seem to help us: in the cases where it might promise us something the difficulty is to find the focus of disease. In one case it was so concealed in a single calyx that it was only after careful pathological dissection that it was found, though it was severe and very active.

With regard to the question of operation hastening a generalized disease, I feel that in one case it may have had this effect, nevertheless, the only reply I would make is that the longer we leave the local lesion the more likely is the shock of operation to cause a generalized disease and the earlier the removal the less likely is this to occur.

The finding of tubercle bacilli on one side does not necessarily mean that the kidney on that side is affected. It is said that bacilli may be secreted by the kidney or the ureter may be affected. The functional