

for. Reads newspapers occasionally; does not find any pleasure in his books, as was his custom before his illness; is more submissive to his parents; attends church and Sabbath school, but not day school. I think there is a slight improvement. It is nearly a year since he had typhoid. He eats and sleeps well."

This boy's physical health is now very good. He has improved somewhat in his conduct by the amelioration of the sub-acute symptoms, but he has been one year affected. His mental faculties have become dulled, and the boy's mental condition is much that of an imbecile. The prospect of recovery now is very poor.

Dr. Ross also mentioned an interesting case in the Brockville asylum, which as a child two years old had typhoid fever and has not developed naturally since, but has grown into physical manhood with a mental state of imbecility.

I shall not detain you long as to the treatment, which without any special data should be supporting. I must emphasize promptness in adopting measures. If your patient is receiving insufficient nourishment through some delusion of poisoning and refusing food, have him cared for by skilled nurses and, if necessary, feed with tube, preferably predigested foods. The outlook is none too promising, and any delay in adopting wise methods of treatment is losing valuable time. Personally, the use of any narcotic I regard with suspicion in the treatment of typhoid fever, and especially when there are prominent nervous symptoms. The ice bag or the cold water coils to the head will usually avert the necessity for their use, together with the persistent employment of hydrotherapy in some recognized form. I believe sedatives and narcotics add to the toxæmia that is asserting its action on the brain already. Hydrotherapy diminishes this.

Theo. B. Hyslop says "lowering treatment is seldom efficacious, and not infrequently the administration of drugs, such as opium, may possibly have had much to do with the excitement." Fresh air and exercise, wholesome full diet, regulation of the eliminatory functions will usually secure sleep; if not, try a couple of ounces of whiskey in a glass of warm milk. A warm pack is often quieting and hypnotic in such cases. The hot bath may be too depressing to the heart. Gentlemen, I selected this