

THE STATUS OF SUPRARENAL THERAPY.*

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So much has been written and spoken of in relation to the uses of the suprarenal that one knows not where to begin. The history of suprarenal therapy has been amply covered by different observers, and it is needless for me to waste any more time than to simply mention the fact. As my time is limited I hope you will abide with me when I pass rapidly over most of the parts and give but a synopsis of each portion.

Suprarenal is not a new drug. It is an old one, but owing to an inert preparation, the use of the drug was discontinued and fell into oblivion until 1892, when Dr. W. H. Bates, of New York, revived it. Some few years after this, Dr. Bates had much trouble in enlisting medical men to experiment with the remedy and note its relative value as a therapeutic agent in the different diseases. At times he said he was most discouraged and despaired of ever getting one to use the drug. By his persistent efforts he has now succeeded in putting to work the whole civilized world. So wonderful are the properties and uses of this drug that in but an exceedingly short time it has become one of the most widely known and most important in use. Upon hundreds of thousands of cases has the drug been administered internally or applied locally. It is a strange coincidence that in the immense amount of literature, commercial or otherwise, papers and lectures that have been published within the past two years, there has not been mentioned once the name of that indefatigable and painstaking worker, Dr. W. H. Bates, of New York, through whose untiring efforts, unassisted except by repeated antagonistic remarks and stumbling-blocks placed in his road, all the civilized nations have become acquainted with so wonderful, invaluable and now indispensable a remedy.

I am convinced that the revival of this valuable drug is one of the greatest achievements of the past fifteen years. It would please me to cite the good work of the many ardent workers on this drug, but it would take up too much time and space. Suffice it to say that it has been conclusively proven by different observers in different parts of the world that the suprarenal extract and its active principle are not only of benefit but also of undoubted great value as an addition to our therapeutic armamentarium. Over

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