

in the undesirability of quick recovery in operations followed by much pain ; in the administration being accompanied by twitchings which render it unsuitable for delicate operations.

The Committee next foot up the physiology of its action, with the view to obviate, if possible, any serious results which might follow in its administration. They confess they are as yet unable to explain the *rationale* of its action ; but recommend, from experience with lower animals, that, when dangerous symptoms appear, the exhibition be at once suspended, and, should respiration not take place, artificial respiration be resorted to.

The Committee recommend, as the best, most convenient, and cheapest method of procuring the gas in a pure state, the plan of Messrs. John Bell & Co. In its administration, they observe that, whatever instrument is employed, it ought to be as air tight as possible ; but they offer, nothing fresh, of importance, in this respect, or in the mode of administration. There are, however, a quantity of useful practical details given of considerable interest.

As regards the question, whether there are any special conditions of the system contra-indicating its use, they can only say that they have administered, it in various stages of pregnancy, in suckling women, in persons subject to asthma, epilepsy, and the like, without any deleterious effects. They, however, advise caution, especially in those affected by disease of the heart, vessels, or lungs. They conclude by drawing the attention of the profession to the success attending the anæsthetic in America by Dr. Colton, and in France by Dr. Evans ; and observe that they propose to prosecute further experiments on this subject, which they hope to lay before the profession at some future time. An appendix of some interesting cases is attached to the report.—*Amer. Jour. Dental Science.*

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DR. FORT in a surgical memorandum remarks that among the numerous cases of facial neuralgia is one which authors do not notice, but which frequently occurs. This cause, almost certain to be a source of error to practitioners, is a lesion of the buccal mucous membrane, behind the molars, and produced by the evolution of a wisdom tooth. The functional disturbances brought about by this slight lesion