

sweating. Jalap powder and croton oil were used as purgatives. In this case the albumen disappeared shortly after labor.

Dr. McDONALD said that eclampsia occurred chiefly in pale, anæmic women, occurring in about one out of six hundred labors, and chiefly in early pregnancy. Old standing kidney lesions were less liable to cause eclampsia than recent ones. Good croton oil was very effective. It was often placed on the tongue, and never reached the stomach. Nitro-glycerine might be given to relieve the blood pressure. Chloral hydrate injected into the bowels would act as a favorable sedative. Oxygen gave temporary relief, but was of little practical benefit. Treatment needed to be prompt. If the attack occurred before labor, delivery should be immediate under an anæsthetic.

Dr. R. J. WILSON considered eclampsia a result of a failure of all the emunctories to act, and not of the kidney toxæmia. Four cases in his own practice all occurred after labor. He had used chloroform after emptying bowel. He had good results from veratrum viride.

Dr. HUNTER had used in an attack, chloroform and croton oil followed by veratrum viride.

The PRESIDENT emphasized the value of diuretics and purgatives where swelling of the feet and legs occurred previous to labor.

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ETHMOIDITIS AS A CAUSE OF INSANITY.—Some years ago Dr. Rumbold called attention to the prevalence of ethmoiditis in many cases of melancholia. Of late the medical journals have contained many corroboratory articles, and numerous cases that have been subjected to intra-nasal operations have been reported as either permanently relieved or greatly benefited. Formerly the drift of the profession was towards treatment by local applications alone; but the desired success not being attained, recourse has been had to surgical interference. The results obtained being so marked, a craze seems to have set in for operating, and many cases are now cauterized, curetted or burred that really need only appropriate local and constitutional treatment. While many brilliant and even startling results have followed operative interference, it is well not to promise or expect too much from such procedures. Always remember that the operation is but part of the treatment, and that local and constitutional remedies will have to be used in order that permanent benefit may be derived.—*Journal of Laryngology*.