a condition to continue without interfering to prevent the evil results so sure to follow from it."—*Med. Times and Gazette.*

On the Combined Use of Chloroform and Morphia.

—Professor Kœnig, in a communication to the *Centralblatt fur Chirurgie*, (No. 39, 1877), says he has combined the hypodermic administration of morphia with that of chloroform in a large number of cases, with very favorable results. It is seldom necessary to give more than one or at most two centigrammes (one-sixth to one-third grain).

The indications for the use of morphia during chloroform-narcosis are twofold : 1. Motor disturbances occurring before or during chloroform-inhalation unless these are very transitory : 2. Operations of such a nature that the chloroform-narcosis cannot be maintained throughout, and especially towards the end. Among the latter may be particularly mentioned operations upon the eye, plastic operations, extirpation of tumours from the soft parts of the face. The object of using morphia is to induce analgesia over and above the chloroform-narcosis, and also that this narcosis should not be pushed so far. As regards any danger which may be connected with the combination of narcotics, Kœnig esteems this lightly. He says that out of seven thousand cases in which he has used chloroform, none have died from it, and many of these took morphia also. —*London Med. Record*, Feb. 15, 1878.

Abortive Treatment of Furunculus.

—Dr. Lieven observed at the Petersburg Medical Society (*Petersburg Med. Woch.*, Dec. 29) that all modes of treatment hitherto tried (such as early incision, cauterizing, and cold or warm applications) have failed to arrest the further development of furunculus that has once commenced. The following procedure, however, brings it to a stand : A burning, pricking, itching, suddenly occurring in a normal portion of the skin, announces the commencement of the development of the furunculus, and on the same day a small and quite superficial induration can be felt at the spot. If the skin be now superficially scraped with