

treatment had been discussed last year. He was sorry to hear that the majority of the reports were against antitoxin. He had used it in every case he had had, and in only one case had death resulted and that from another cause, the patient having just been operated on for nephrectomy. The results were most gratifying in every case. In a case that he had seen recently where the toxic symptoms were shown—hebetude, depression, cyanosis, etc.; where the glandular enlargement of the neck was very marked and where the membrane was present on both tonsils and the nasal pharynx, 15 cc. of the antitoxin were administered the first day, 10 cc. administered the next day. Within twenty-four hours after the first dose the child was practically out of danger; in two or three days he was well. Personally, if he ever contracted the disease he would ask for the antitoxin treatment. Reports from all parts of the world were greatly in favor of its use. It had reduced mortality records 50 per cent. He knew of a number of medical men in Toronto who had used it with gratifying results and spoke of it in the highest terms. He had no experience of calomel fumigation, but was glad to hear of its value. He had heard of certain medical men who used no treatment. This, he thought, was criminal. He believed in its use as a preventive. He considered it to be the grandest discovery in medical science since vaccination.

Dr. W. J. WILSON reported a case in which he had used the serum with good results; 6 cc. were given on third day and 10 cc. on the next day. After the first injection there was marked improvement. In about twenty-four hours the membrane began to peel off. Recovery at once took place. He thought the case was one which would have lasted about a week had the new treatment not been used. The general condition was improved immediately after its use. With regard to the reports from the city last year, he noticed a number of defects. Many patients had been the subject of surgical operation. The kind of serum and the strength and the amount used was not mentioned. Early administration was necessary to have the best effects. It was very valuable in laryngeal cases which were usually very fatal.

Dr. MACCALLUM reported favorably on its use both as a curative and preventive agent.

Dr. OAKLEY spoke of the discontinuance of its use in the Isolation Hospital because it had not been found efficacious. He contended that it took a long time to establish the value of any new remedy, that medical men were prone to be carried away by fads. Among the reports from New York, some were found to be favorable and some were not. Enough data had not been secured to give medical men full faith in its use. In some cases it had proved positively injurious.