

perienced in this country east of the Rocky Mountains. In New York special attention is given to the clinical study of all such cases.

Kerley recently reported a study of 550 cases (*Medical Record*, page 1057, June 26, 1901) gathered from dispensary practice during June, July, August and September. "Of these children 77 were under three months of age. It was noted that 20 were fed on proprietary foods, and 59 upon condensed milk. Four hundred and ninety nine were treated to the end, of whom 10 died."

An invariable rule in treatment was to stop all milk at the outset, to relieve the infected gut; to treat vigorously, whether mild or bad, and to explain to the mother carefully and in writing what was to be done. The four drugs found, to be reliable, were calomel, castor oil, bismuth and opium; calomel particularly when vomiting occurred.

In the discussion of this report Holt advised rest and irrigation. Winter advocated judicious use of alcoholics. Saunders advocated broths first as diet, and beef juice later. He also said, that chloral was one of the best drugs for pain and should be combined with aromatic rhubarb. He said atropine, a single dose, would stop serious discharges.

The modern trend of treatment of the summer diarrhœas in childhood is toward simplicity. It is perfectly evident to every physician, who will stop to think, that if we will try to assist nature we will be sure to render assistance. The first indication is to remove the offending material in the alimentary tract, which too frequently has been locked up by the parents using astringent drugs, etc., and to this end it is always best to give some laxative, after first being sure that the stomach is unloaded. Castor oil combined with some of the aromatics is always a reliable agent. It can be given every hour until the bowels move freely, then the colon may be irrigated, if necessary—this should not be overdone—once or twice a day should be sufficient. After this cleansing has occurred and diarrhœa still persists then antiseptics, and astringents are indicated. Of these bismuth takes precedence over all others, and it should be given liberally. Salol is indicated also and the combination of bismuth and salol with compound tincture of lavender or camphor water is excellent.—*Medical Fortnightly*.