

outlying stations in the neighborhood of Lake Nyasa, and during this period I have personally made observations and directed anti-malarial measures at all stations, so that my conclusions are based on prolonged study and practical knowledge of the difficulties which have to be encountered."

"One point which is often neglected merits discussion, viz., which salt of quinine it is best to use. Sulphate of quinine was the earliest preparation, and there is a tendency to continue to use it blindly. Its insolubility is a great disadvantage, and so many people have employed the bisulphate instead. The latter, however, has nothing to recommend it except its solubility; on account of the high molecular weight of the two sulphate radicles, it has a very low percentage of quinine, while the amount of dilute sulphuric acid which is introduced into the stomach probably accounts for a good deal of the indigestion attributed to quinine.

"There are other salts that are far more suitable, especially the hydrobromate and the hydrochlorate. They are fairly readily soluble, contain a higher percentage of quinine, and are much less likely to disturb the digestion. The bihydrochlorate is the best salt of all; it has a fairly high percentage of quinine and is soluble in its own weight of water, so that there is probably no risk of even a tablet passing through the body undissolved. Its only disadvantage is, that owing to its solubility, the taste is more noticeable than with other salts.

"All these three salts have been found very satisfactory in the experience of the writer."

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