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Original Communications.

ROCK AND RYE IN ACUTE AND SUB-ACUTE BRONCHITIS.

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I have had excellent results in the administration of rock and rye in acute and sub-acute forms of bronchitis, and have found it of particular value in children. The ease with which the ordinary patient will take the drug renders it worthy of a trial.

As a proof of its efficacy I will cite one instance (that of a child two years old). I was called to the patient at 5 o'clock in the evening, found that the child had commenced with an ordinary coriza, running from the nose, which had been observed for two or three days; the night before had commenced to cough, which during the day had become so severe that I was summoned in the afternoon.

The general appearance of the child was indicative of capillary bronchitis respirations 72 per minute, pulse 150, temperature 102° the *alæ nasi* dilated and the face turgid and purple with that frightfully distressed appearance. Urine scanty (had not micturated for 18 hours); with each cough the child would cry out.

Upon listening with the stethoscope coarse, harsh, rales were heard over both lungs, with some fine mucous crepitation over a portion of the left lung behind. I immediately ordered linseed meal poultices to be applied, enveloping the chest and back completely, and prescribed a mixture of syr. ipecac. (min. 5) syr. Acacia (min. 15) and Morphia (gr. 1-50th.) to be administered every four or five

hours; and directed that a teaspoonful of rock & rye and glycerine be given in as much water every two hours. At my visit next morning found the child better and sleeping quietly, did not disturb her. Discontinued the syr. ipecac. Acacia and morphia but continued the rock & rye and glycerine at regular intervals of two hours.

At my evening visit found the child sitting up and playful, all acute symptoms subsided, pulse 118, temperature 99. Respirations 33. This remarkable change had occurred in 24 hours.

In nearly every case of bronchitis that I have given it, rock & rye controlled the cough besides acting as a stimulant, and in young children it does not bind up the bowels the same as Brandy will often do. In winter cough (so called) it exerts a very soothing effect.

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THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE MEDICAL UNDERGRADUATE'S SOCIETY.

The annual dinner of the Undergraduates of the Medical Faculty of the University of Bishop's College came off on December 9, 1886, in the Ladies' ordinary of the Windsor Hotel, and was marked by much cordiality. Some seventy-five gentlemen, some representing the other universities, sat down to an excellent dinner, to which full justice was done. Dr. F. W. Campbell, M. A., M. D., L. R. C. P., London, Dean of the Faculty, occupied the chair. On his right were seated Mr. Heneker, Chancellor of the University, Dr. Anderson, United States Consul General; Dr. McEachran, Mr. J. S. Hall, M.P.P., Dr. George Ross, representing McGill, and Dr. Proudfoot. On the left of the