

early symptom. 3. Accompanying eclamptic attacks are an indication in favor of hydrocephalus.

The differentiation of hydrocephalus from tetany is usually not difficult owing to the progressive tendency of the one, and the tendency of the other, after a lapse of two or three weeks, toward recovery. Furthermore, cases of tetany with spontaneous tonic contractures in all extremities are very rare, and when they occur characteristic positions of the hand (obstetric hand) make diagnosis easy.

CHLOROSIS.—The late Sir Andrew Clark recommends the following treatment for chlorosis, *Am. Med. Rec.* With careful attention to the diet and a tepid sponge, followed by brisk towelling both night and morning, he prescribes the following mixture, to be taken twice a day :

R—Ferri sulphat. gr. xxiv.
Magnes. sulphat. ʒ iii.
Acid. sulph. aromat. ʒ i.
Tinct. zingib. ʒ ii.
Infus. gentian comp. vel
quassia ʒ viii.—M.

Sig.—One-sixth part twice daily, about eleven and six o'clock.

"Occasionally this acid mixture produces sickness, dries the skin, and is otherwise ill borne." In such cases he prescribes the following alkaline mixture :

R—Ferri sulphat. gr. xxiv.
Sodii bicarb. ʒ ii.
Sodii sulphat. ʒ vi.
Tinct. zingib. ʒ vi.
Spt. Chloroformi ʒ i.
Infus. quassia ʒ viii.—M.

Sig.—One-sixth part twice daily, at eleven and six.

Sometimes neither mixture agrees, and then he prescribes sulphate of iron in pill with meals and a saline aperient on first waking in the morning. By this plan Clark claims that nine out of ten cases of chlorosis recover in from one to three months, and by careful attention to the bowels, taking twice a week a pill composed of aloes, myrrh, and iron, the recovery will probably be permanent.

SILVER NITRATE.—With regard to the effect of nitrate of silver in minor ailments, there is no

more striking illustration of it than in those cases of weak, irritable stomachs which are characterized by intense depression of spirits, apprehensions, and failure of pluck or courage. *N. Y. Med. Jour.* In these cases a remarkable change takes place both in the functions of the stomach and in the tone of the nerve centers of emotion. To get the best results in these stomach cases, the nitrate should be dissolved in distilled water and taken on an empty stomach. Dr. Murray thinks that a distinct local effect on the mucous membrane, as well as the more remote effect on the nerve centers, by giving it in this form is produced.

OTORRHOEA.—A child, suffering with double acute inflammation of the middle ear, with perforation and free muco-purulent discharge from both ears, was brought to Dr. Randall's clinic during the first week in August. *Phila. Polyclinic.* The auricles were entirely covered with the discharge, and they had become macerated and eczematous from neglect. A knowing friend had warned the mother not to interfere with the discharge, "else it might strike in with fatal results." The parts were thoroughly cleansed with hot water and solution of hydrogen dioxide and Politzerization was done; after which boric acid was insufflated into the external canals, and ointment of yellow mercuric oxid applied to the eczematous auricles. This treatment led to speedy recovery.

DR. HENRY O. MARCY, of Boston, at the late meeting of the Mississippi Valley Medical Association, read a paper defending the Whitehead operation for hæmorrhoids. *Tri-State Med. Jour.* It was in the nature of a reply to the strictures cast upon the Whitehead operation by Dr. Edmund Andrews, of Chicago, in a paper read before the last meeting of the Illinois State Medical Society. Dr. Marcy believes that if in the statistics given by Dr. Andrews the names of the operators were mentioned most of the disastrous results will be found to have followed the work of incompetent men. His results had been excellent in those cases in which he had done the Whitehead operation, slightly modified by himself.

NERVOUS SYMPTOMS AFTER CASTRATION.—Faulds reports, *Brit. Med. Jour.*, seven cases in