

In looking over the article on Excision of Joints, we find that the elbow was excised ten times—for caries, four times; and for compound fractures, six times. The ratio of mortality was twenty per cent, but a very marked difference exists in favor of excision for disease. Of these none died, while of traumatic excisions one-third were fatal, and one-half of them required amputation subsequent to excision. The unsuccessful cases were, however, complicated with sloughing and delirium tremens.

The wrist was excised once for caries. All the bones were removed, except the trapezium. The case did very well, but the patient ultimately died of uræmia.

The hip joint was excised eleven times—nine children and two adults, seven survived, and four died, including both adults. The operation of excision is rarely ever successful, if performed after puberty.

In the article on Pneumonia, it appears that 190 cases were treated in the last five years. The greater portion of these cases were treated by the plan set forth by Dr. Bennett: milk and beef tea, with wine whey, to the extent of from six to twelve ounces of sherry wine daily. External applications have been used in many cases, by enveloping the part affected by a "jacket poultice" of flax-seed meal, and kept warm. The results were as follows of the 107 uncomplicated cases, 95 were discharged well, 2 relieved, and 10 died, or one to every 10 and 1-7th cases.

300 cases of acute rheumatism were treated, of these 125 were under purely alkaline treatment, and 18 of these developed cardiac diseases of the heart during their stay at the hospital, 13 endocardial, and 5 pericardial. The average stay at the hospital of those under alkaline treatment was 24 days, from this, one week may be deducted for the period of convalescence.

175 cases were treated by the non-alkaline plan, such as colchicum, opium, syrup of lime, blisters, &c., of these, 18 showed symptoms of cardiac disease, and the average stay in the hospital was 35 days, from which one week may also be deducted. These figures seem to favor the plan of Dr. Fuller.

We commend an attentive perusal of this volume to our professional brethren.

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