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Original Communications.

Croup or Diphtheria—Which?*

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I WAS called in to see E. W., a boy three years old, and one of a numerous family. This child suffered from attacks of croup and what their doctor called inflammatory bronchitis. He was seized with what they thought the usual trouble on Thursday, and I saw him on Saturday evening. Temperature, 102°; pulse, 130; considerable dyspnoea coming on in paroxysms; only slight indications of cyanosis; dry rales in the larger bronchi over the anterior portion of the upper lobes; cough slight, but somewhat brassy; voice, whispering. On examining the throat I found slight redness, no swelling and no sign of false membrane on the fauces, or as far down the larynx as I could see. There was no swelling of the cervical glands.

I administered, in divided doses, $\bar{5}$ ss. vin. ipecac., which produced slight emesis of purulent phlegm. Ordered an expectorant and

* Read at meeting of Toronto Medical Society.