

pyrexia. Now the first two indications are undoubtedly met by depleting the blood volume from the venous side by attention to secretions, the occasional use of mercurials, careful limitation of the food taken in place of the over-feeding often to be observed, and in some cases a small blood-letting.

Oxygen inhalations are also of service. For the third and fourth indications in the foregoing list, we possess no better remedy than strychnine, which is best given by syringe in case there is much abdominal distention. The fever should be kept within bounds by any well-approved method.—*The Lancet*.

THE ABORTIVE TREATMENT OF PNEUMONIA, CATARRHAL AND CROUPOUS IN INFANTS AND CHILDREN.

H. Illoway feels certain that in infants and children the pneumonic process can be arrested at its outset, and more than that, that we have the means and have long had them, wherewith to do it. He proceeds to give a number of histories of his own cases. He has had great success in the use of aconite and veratrum viride. Again in other cases with tumultuous heart action the writer has used digitalis (the infusion or rather decoction) with satisfaction. He believes that the combination of the tincture of aconite root with the tincture veratrum viride (Norwood's) is the more powerful therapeutic measure, and the one he would resort to preferably. He considers the repetition of the medicine at short intervals a vital factor in the achievement of success.—*Pediatrics*, December 15.

SUMMER DIARRHŒA.

Dr. Wm. B. Booker, President of the American Pediatric Society, at its recent session, made the subject of his address "Summer Diarrhœa." He gave an excellent and exhaustive resumé of its literature, going back to the eighteenth century, when mention was first made of it and tracing it along in its evolution, until it became a well-recognized entity.

Summer diarrhœas have always held an important place in the practice of medicine, and especially so in the great cities, where the mortality from these diseases is great during the protracted heated terms, like the one now being ex-