

eighteen to twenty-four hours if there is no improvement; a third dose after a similar interval if necessary. For severe cases in children under two years, and for mild cases over that age the initial dose should be 1000 units, to be repeated as above if necessary; a second dose is not usually required. The dosage should always be estimated in antitoxin units and not of the amount of serum.

(2) *Quality of Antitoxin.* The most concentrated strength of an absolutely reliable preparation.

(3) *Time of Administration.* Antitoxin should be administered as early as possible on a clinical diagnosis, not waiting for a bacteriological culture. However late the first observation is made, an injection should be given unless the progress of the case is favourable and satisfactory.

The Halifax branch of the British Medical Association, has commenced its usual winter session. Dr. W. Tobin has been elected President for the ensuing year.

NEW BOOKS, ETC, RECEIVED AND NOTED.

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Royal Infirmary Cliniques. By Alexander James, M.D. Oliver & Boyd.

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