

THE STROGANOFF TREATMENT OF ECLAMPSIA.

N. P. Costa, in *Semana Medica* for September 2, 1915, explains that this treatment consists in acting directly on the sensory centres by morphine and on the convulsive centres with chloral. Morphine 0.015 gram is given at once and a similar dose one hour later. Two hours later two grams of chloral are given, either by mouth or by rectum, repeated in four hours, and again in six hours. The patient is kept in darkness and silence, and if any examination or even catheterization is necessary, it is done under chloroform. Labor is hastened, but not forced, while careful watch is kept on heart and respiration. Costa reports forty cases of eclampsia in which this method was used, either alone or combined with venesection. The maternal mortality was 25 per cent., while the fetal loss was 40 per cent. He concludes that this method exercises a real controlling action on the convulsions which are the cause of death and allows of the employment of slow methods of delivery and avoidance of traumatism of the maternal tissues. Its efficacy and simplicity make it the method of choice.—*N. Y. Med. Jour.*

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS

Dr. Theodor Picado has treated leprosy with this compound: Charlmooogra oil 60, Camphorated oil 60, and Resorcin 4. These are mixed and dissolved by heat over a water bath and then filtered. The injections are given once a week beginning with 1 c.c. and increasing to the point of tolerance. When the treatment causes fever and heart disturbance, smaller doses more frequently repeated should be given.

Dr. R. A. Witthous died at his home in New York at the age of 64. He had held the position of Professor of Chemistry in the medical department of the University of New York for many years.

Dr. Isaac, O.H., died at Easton, Pa., 1st January at the age of 69. He was a well-known author on Neurology.

The American College of Surgeons is now able to announce that it has received an endowment fund of \$500,000 secured from its Fellows. The principal sum is to be held in perpetuity and the interest only to be used to promote the welfare of the college.

The National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness in the United States is doing excellent work. It has now issued six brochures on various causes of blindness. No six is on Trachoma and contains much valuable information. It is well illustrated.