

antiseptics, urotropin (hexamethylenamina), salol, boric acid, and large draughts of water are advised. Vesical instrumentation and irrigations are to be avoided so far as possible. In spinal disease with paralysis of the compressor muscle, bacteriuria is a constant attendant affection, and when the urine becomes ammoniacal, cystitis is inevitable. The danger to life in these cases from ascending urinary affection makes bacteriuria a serious matter, and everyone recognizes the value of thorough, gentle, aseptic bladder drainage in their treatment. In cases, as in the aged, dependent on colitis and constipation, free purgation, regulated diet and intestinal antiseptics are essential. Colonic lavage for two or three months is practiced by Janet. A case of very marked bacteriuria following dysentery is reported.—*Jour. A. M. A.*

Ichthyol in the Treatment of Angio-Neurotic Edema.

Angio-neurotic edema, designated by Schlessinger hydrops hypostrophos, is a serious disease, writes Frederick C. Forster, of West Southbourne, Bournemouth, because it may attack mucous membranes as well as skin, and sudden edema of the larynx may, therefore, occur and prove rapidly fatal, as in a case recorded by Morris. Tracheotomy was performed on three separate occasions for asphyxia due to edema, but the patient succumbed one night from a fourth attack before medical assistance could arrive.

Other cases have from time to time been recorded, notably one complicating enteric fever, reported by Drs. Martin and Gillies. The surgical importance of its visceral crises has been demonstrated by Professor Osler, and instances given in which laparotomy was performed for angio-neurotic edema of the intestine, the symptoms closely simulating an acute abdominal lesion.

A nervous, unmarried lady, aged thirty-seven, sought advice with an eight years' history of evanescent swellings, neither inflammatory nor dependent on any injury. They usually occurred at fortnightly intervals on the face, chest, and upper arms, lasting about two or three days, and then disappearing. They occasioned no pain, but only a sensation of tingling and slight soreness. No therapeutic measures tried had either ameliorated the attacks or lengthened the intervals between them. He ordered ichthyol, grn. iij, in pill form, to be taken thrice daily. This she continued for two months, then twice a day for another month, and at present she is taking one each day. She writes that for the past three months she has had no recurrence.