

local application of iodine. This is not the first time we have seen this remedy favorably spoken of, but we must confess to some doubt as to the correctness of the diagnoses under such circumstances.

M. Richmann applied to the tumour which, he contends displayed all the evidences of malignant disease, a bag of tow saturated in iodine, and at the end of seventeen weeks the tumour had entirely disappeared.

*Cholera—Castor Oil in.*—The *coup de grace* has been given to the castor oil treatment of cholera, by a committee of the London Board of Health, who thus close their report.

From the above abstract, the details of which have been carefully investigated by the committee, it appears that in 89 cases of cholera treated by different practitioners with castor oil, on the plan recommended by Dr. Johnson, 65 were fatal, recovery having occurred in only 15 cases, whilst 6 are still under treatment.

The same experiment was made with this "new remedy" in the Dreadnought Hospital Ship, where of 19 cases, 12 died; whilst in the Glasgow Hospital, after losing 7 out of 9 patients, the treatment was abandoned.

*Excision of the Knee Joint.*—Mr. Butcher in the last number of the Dublin Quarterly Journal, gives a table of thirty-two operations for excision of the knee joint, of which number five resulted fatally, or a mortality of about 15 per cent. He compares this result with the mortality after amputation of the thigh in the London hospital as given by Mr. Erichsen, which shows the proportion to be as high as 20½ per cent, after amputation for disease, and more than 50 per cent. after amputation for injuries, thus demonstrating that the danger of excision is considerably less than that attending amputation of the thigh.

*Hiccough.*—The Dublin Medical Press recommends as a specific for this troublesome affection the internal use of chloroform in small doses. The dose should be repeated as often as the hiccough returns, and two or three appeals to the remedy may be necessary.

*Hooping Cough.*—Since the publication in our last number of the statistics of hooping cough, treated with nitrate of silver, we have observed that Dr. Watson of Glasgow, by uniting Joubert's cases with his own, is enabled to present 167 cases of this intractable disease, treated by the introduction of the nitrate of silver into the larynx. Of this number, 96 were cured in two weeks, 61 in three to four weeks, 9 resisted the treatment, and 1 died.

We lay some stress upon the method of cure here suggested, because the treatment is certainly correct enough in theory, and it is important that it should be carefully tested in practice.

*Inflammatory Rheumatism.*—In the Boston Medical and Surgical Journal for March 22nd, we notice with interest a reported case of acute rheumatism treated with hyposulphite of soda in ten grain doses with the most marked results. Dr. J. H. Warren who reports the case, declares that this remedy has a wonderful power in exciting the secretion of the kidneys, and as an antiphlogistic agent it is worthy of attention. Dr. Warren's case of inflammatory rheumatism was discharged cured on the 8th day.