

dilated, and when in a dozing state, the lids are seldom closed. There is obstinate constipation of the bowels. The breathing becomes laborious, and is often as quick as in cases of acute inflammation of the lungs, with which hydrocephalus is not unfrequently an attendant malady. In a few days the eyelids remain more apart whilst sleeping than what is natural while awake; a lighted candle being held close to them is not observed by the patient, and the iris in no degree becomes contracted by that stimulant. In short, not only the sense of sight, but those of hearing, taste, smell and touch, seem to be nearly annihilated. In a few hours after the establishment of this melancholy spectacle, death puts an end to the sufferings of the patient.

TREATMENT.—I shall, under this head, enter only into the management during the incipient or first stage; it being hoped that no non-medical person would trust to his own judgment in treating so formidable a malady as inflammation of the brain.

As soon as the early symptoms above described are discovered, and more especially if they succeed to a blow upon the head, immediately reduce the diet of the child to less than one half; to consist of a little sago, arrowroot, and such like food, solid aliment being wholly withheld for a time; perfect quietude must be enjoined, and if there are other children in the family, they must be kept apart from the patient. Apple drink or thin barley water acidulated with a little lemon juice may be frequently offered. The child should be kept in a reclining posture, not on the lap, (the heat communicated to the child from the person of the mother, having in all cases of fever an injurious tendency but on a sofa or bed. A warm bath daily is strongly recommended, the patient to remain in it up to the arm-pits about ten minutes. The feet are to be wrapped up in flannel, and should the back, as well as the fore part of the head be hot, it is recommended to procure two ox bladders and being half filled with cold water, let one of them at a time be interposed between the pillow and the child's head, changing them as the water becomes warm. The forehead should be frequently bathed with a little cooling cotton and the same should be constantly kept upon the part, and never suffered to become dry, until a great reduction of