

the last month, and he says he is entirely well. Whether the bacilli have disappeared or not, it is not possible to say. As I have examined the sputa for bacilli many times, I feel certain I made no mistake here, and yet it seems rather peculiar in this case.

Dr. G. Hunter Mackenzie says that the number of tubercle bacilli found in the sputa of any case does not seem to bear any reference to the severity of the cases, and that a case may go on for years with an enormous number of bacilli found at every examination, and yet be well in every other way.

The points of interest in this case are :—(1) Patient had no previous history of or predisposition to tuberculosis. (2) He contracted a disease with which tuberculosis is supposed to be very rarely present. (3) He had tubercle bacilli in his sputa in abundance. (4) He reports himself as entirely well.—(*Trans. of the Medico-Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland.*)

Conclusions Reached by the Hyderabad Chloroform Commission.—(1) The recumbent position on the back and absolute freedom of respiration are essential.

(2) If during an operation the recumbent position on the back cannot, from any cause, be maintained during chloroform administration, the utmost attention to the respiration is necessary to prevent asphyxia or an overdose. If there is any doubt whatever about the state of respiration, the patient should be at once restored to the recumbent position on the back.

(3) To insure absolute freedom of respiration, tight clothing of every kind, either on the neck, chest or abdomen, is to be strictly avoided; and no assistants or bystanders should be allowed to exert pressure on any part of the patient's thorax or abdomen, even though the patient be struggling violently. If the struggling does occur, it is always possible to hold the patient down by pressure on the shoulders, pelvis or legs without doing anything which can by any possibility interfere with the free movements of respiration.

(4) An apparatus is not essential, and ought not to be used, as, being made to fit the face, it must tend to produce a certain