

Locally the routine treatment was the use of continually wet cold compresses. Beside each bed was a bowl of boric acid solution in which ice was placed, and cloths frequently moistened with the solution were continuously kept on the face.

In migratory cases in which there is involvement of the body, these wet dressings are not recommended, but occasionally ichthyol or picric acid solution is applied.

The use of phenol and mercuric chloride solutions are dangerous, and do not limit the spread of the lesion, and accomplish no more than plain water or boric acid. Ichthyol, which is the most widely used local application, does not give the patient as much relief as cold compresses, and besides it is dirty and not curative.

Vaccine treatment was used in ninety-five cases out of the 800, with eleven deaths, a mortality of 11.5 per cent.

Phylacogen was used in one season in twenty cases, with two deaths, or 10 per cent.

---

## THE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, TORONTO

---

At the December meeting of the Medical Section of the Academy of Medicine, the programme provided by the Fellows was a clinical one. The cases and reports of cases were all of special interest and brought out a good discussion.

### ELEPHANTIASIS.

Dr. H. B. Anderson exhibited a case of Elephantiasis. This patient, a stenographer and unmarried, was twenty-nine years of age. In her previous history she had typhoid and malaria fevers, and at present she is troubled with headache due to eye strain. This case had been before the Academy, Oct. 7th, and at that time the statement of the case was that at fifteen years of age her ankles began to swell, and this enlargement had continued for the last fourteen years, until at the first exhibition before the Fellows of the Academy there was found a uniform swelling of the legs with no pitting on pressure and no puffiness. The swelling was confined to the lower extremities. One leg, the left one, was very much enlarged, its circumference at the middle of the thigh being 24 inches and circumference of the calf 23 inches, the right thigh 20½ inches and the right calf 19 inches. The swelling on both sides extended up to the groin. The blood examination was nega-