

## Correspondence.

DEAR SIR,—An epidemic of Pneumonia, complicating generally in the case of young children and of the aged, a severe epidemic of Influenza, has been very prevalent in Prince Edward Island during the months of February and March past, and indeed is yet in full career in many districts. Through the courtesy of the several gentlemen, whose names will follow, I am enabled to give a summary of 546 cases with 41 deaths during the two months named. Your correspondent hereby thanks all who so generously responded, at a very short notice, to his request for statistics in reference to this disease. Many of these reports are well worthy of publication, but for the purpose of putting on record this remarkable epidemic I deem it best to make a brief, digest of the valuable information thus submitted to me. I will omit, though of the first importance, any reference to diet, hygienic surroundings, external applications, &c., alluded to by nearly all my correspondents, and merely confine myself to the enumeration of drugs used by each. Nor will it be necessary to define the time and conditions under which these were administered. The mere mention of the drug will, I hope, suggest these conditions.

Dr. E. B. Muttart, Souris, reports 30 cases, 3 fatal; one of these latter suffering from uterine disease, the others in advanced age and having double pneumonia. He reports the disease as on the increase, young and old being alike attacked. Treatment, veratrum viride within first 24 hours, quinine for high fever, Ammonia, Spir. Ether Chlor. Spir. Chloroform Co., Brandy, &c.

Dr. A. McLean, Souris, 23 cases, 3 fatal; makes no mention of treatment.

Dr. C. L. Barnes, Georgetown, reports 8 cases, 5 croupous and 3 catarrhal, 1 fatal, and refers to terebene as of great value in the catarrhal variety, also to paraldehyde as excellent for insomnia and hacking cough.

Dr. L. Brehaut, Murray Harbor South, reports 7 cases, all recovered. Treatment, begins with large doses of Quinine and continues throughout course of disease with smaller ones; Antimon. et pot. tart., Ammon., Ipecac., Digitalis, brandy, &c.

D. P. McN. Beavisto, Summerside, reports 8 cases, 2 fatal, meningitis supervening in both cases, which occurred in one family. Treatment, quinine, opium, ammonia, digitalis, brandy, &c.

Dr. D. G. McKay, Summerside, who, I regret to learn, has himself not been well, reports 8 cases, 1 fatal. Treatment, quinine or antifebrin, opium, ammonia, digitalis or convallaria. He says, "I can speak very highly of convallaria as a heart tonic while it does not disturb the stomach like digitalis."

Dr. George Carruthers, Summerside, reports 25 cases, 2 fatal, one aged 79, the other from heart clot with acute dilatation; dying suddenly with terrible praeordial pain. Treatment, morphine, quinine, antifebrin, convallaria, brandy.

Dr. John Sutherland, Bedeque, reports 13 cases, 3 fatal. He excludes all cases of children recovering in 3 or 4 days, diagnosing these as congestion merely. Treatment, morphine, ipecac, pot citrat., aconite, ammonia, nux vomica, brandy, &c.

Dr. Alex. MacNeil, Kensington, reports 19 cases, 2 catarrhal, 2 fatal, aged 52, 66. Treatment, ergot if seen early, as an abortive, convallaria nux vomica, brandy. "The case that did best with me this winter, was one which I had an opportunity of watching closely in my own house and in

which I gave no medicine at all, resolution setting in between 4 and 5 days."

Dr. D. McLauchlin, O'Leary Station, reports, in a carefully written paper, giving names, ages, &c., of each patient, the extraordinary number of 83 cases with 3 deaths. Treatment, pot. bromid. and chloral for restlessness, ammonia, ipecac, vinum antimonialis, spir. ether nit., pot. nit, digitalis, nux vomica, quinine sulph., antipyrin, sometimes aconite.

Dr. I. H. McLellan, Tignish, reports 2 cases, 1 death. Four of these cases occurred in one family, each case at an interval of one day. Treatment, ammonia, aconite. "In one case I gave aconite where the pulse was very rapid with good results." "I prefer antipyrine to quinine."

Dr. Long, Tyne Valley, 40 cases. 10 young children, 3 catarrhal pneumonia. 6 deaths, 1 of the latter having gangrene, another mitral disease, &c., &c. Treatment, opium, quinine (preferred to antifebrin or antipyrin as keeping the temperature longer under control and not depressing the patient so much); ammonia, brandy, &c.

Dr. W. Harrison Doherty, Lansdowne, Cape Traverse, reports two cases, recovered. Treatment, morphine, chloral, expectorants, &c.

Dr. K. Henderson, Clyde River, in a carefully written and exhaustive paper, reports 8 cases, 1 death. He met with two distinct classes. "One in which the local symptoms were not subjectively pronounced, the disease partaking of the general characters of a fever, the local condition determined by auscultation, presenting, however, from the commencement of the disease; there being general bronchial congestion, plus pneumonic consolidation existing co-incidentally, and not standing in relation of effect to cause; the other in which the local subjective symptoms were marked and in which there were three distinct types of re-action, viz.: (1.) sthenic and acute. (2.) typhoidal. (3.) symptoms of shock. Treatment, quinine, antifebrin; the latter, however, not preventing recurrence, "Strophanthus I found invaluable, digitalis not so efficient" Amyl nitrite, stimulants, nux vomica, ammonia, spir. ether. chlor, spir. chloroform co., &c., &c.

Dr. H. D. Johnson, Belfast, reports 4 cases, all recovered. Treatment, morphin, quinine, antifebrin, ammonia, &c.

Dr. A. H. Beer, Cherry Valley, reports 3 cases, all recovered. Treatment, quinine, digitalis. &c., &c.

Dr. Jas. Henderson, Beech Hill, Union Road, reports 34 cases and 2 deaths, viz.: 14 acute croupous, 8 acute catarrhal, 6 sub-acute catarrhal, also 6 catarrhal previously exhausted by protracted whooping cough. The two fatal cases belonged to the latter. Treatment, saline diuretics and febrifuges, ammonia. "In the catarrhal form I give quinine freely and find marked benefit from the quinine, as not only has it lowered temperature but hastened convalescence." Stimulants, &c., &c.

Dr. R. MacNeil, Stanley, reports 16 cases with 1 death, an aged man. Treatment, "no routine and to meet indications."

Dr. Jas. Walsh, Mount Stewart, reports 12 cases, 1 fatal, and makes no mention of treatment.

Dr. J. G. Toombs, Mount Stewart, 15 cases, all recovered. Treatment, quinine, morphia, ammonia, digitalis, brandy, &c. "Have had excellent results from strophanthus in a few cases in which digitalis failed."

Dr. H. W. Robertson, Crapaud, reports 12 cases, all recovered.

Dr. Wm. Honeywell reports 38 cases and 2 deaths, ages