

White concludes that:

1. The cardiac disturbance after diphtheria usually presents the picture of a mitral insufficiency with irregular heart action and few symptoms. Occasional cases have rapid pulse or cardiac irregularity without any other signs.

2. Moderate disturbance of the heart is very common after diphtheria, and in a large number of cases persists from two to six months after the original illness.

3. In many cases the cardiac lesion does not clear up in the first half year, but lasts much longer; some ultimately recover; others probably do not. The duration of the heart trouble is usually in proportion to the severity of the original illness.

4. The fact that children often have few heart symptoms after diphtheria must not mislead us as to the importance of the injury to the heart.

5. Cardiac disturbance of long duration following diphtheria may be entirely recovered from. It is not necessary to give up hope of recovery in individual long cases.

6. The treatment of this condition consists in a sufficient period of rest in bed, and then in watching the effects of mild exercise on the heart for several months at least and grading it to meet individual requirements.

#### Arterial Angioma of the Scalp.

A very severe case was cured by Krogius (*Centralblatt für Chirurgie*) by the use of subcutaneous sutures. A curved needle with the eye in the point was passed beneath the mass of vessels and brought out through the skin about an inch away, threaded with one end of a heavy silk suture, and withdrawn. It was then reinserted in the same spot, passed between the skin and the angioma, and brought out at the same opening as before, threaded with the other end of the suture, and withdrawn. A second suture was passed in the same way, the last hole of the first suture serving as the first opening of the second suture, this being continued around the entire proximal edge of the growth; all the ligatures were tied tightly. The angioma almost disappeared after the first operation, leaving only a small mass at its distal part, which was treated in the same manner with complete success.—*Therapeutic Gazette*.

#### Recovery from Diabetic Coma under Alkaline Treatment.

The alkaline treatment of diabetic coma is theoretically sound, but the number of cases reported in the literature in which recovery has followed the administration of alkalis is