

poison had been removed from the stomach at the first washing, but two subsequent washings, performed at intervals of several hours, yielded alkaloidal reactions. This reaccumulation of the alkaloids must have resulted from an excretion by the gastric mucous membrane, for it has been shown that it is in the stomach that the elimination of morphine proceeds most actively. In view of this fact, the writer concludes that repeated lavage to remove the alkaloids as fast as they are eliminated must certainly be a life-saving process, whether the poison has been taken by the mouth or hypodermically. The washing should be practiced at short intervals, and the sooner this can be done after the opium or morphine has been taken the better.

CANNABIS INDICA.—This drug, the most active of non-opiate anodynes or soporifics, which was very popular years ago, although little the-fashion at present, is deserving of a large share of professional favor, *Med. Rev.* The principal cause which led to its disuse was fear of its toxic power, though there has never been a case of poisoning recorded from its use. Its effect on the system is most marvellous. It causes sleep, overcomes spasms, relieves pain and all nervous irritability, and that too within a few moments after administration. Its soothing and curative effects upon the nervous sympathetic system are great, and there is no one agent that will restore the equilibrium of nerve motion more quickly. The placidity of repose that is produced by this narcotic is rapid and to the point. Further, it does not check secretion or tend to constipation. It does relieve fatigue and arouse vital action, and can and should be given freely until the effect desired is apparent.

ERGOT FOR THE NIGHT SWEATS OF PHTHISIS—Goldendach, *Br. Med. Jour.*, thinks that the night sweats of consumptives are not simply due to fever, and that their real cause has not yet been fully explained. Many remedies have been recommended for them—quinine, acetate of lead, atropine, hyoscin, brandy, rubbing the body before sleep, or using a powder composed of starch, talc, and salicylic acid. Most of these Goldendach has tried and found wanting. On considering the part probably played by the vasomotor nerves, he

determined to try the effect of ergot against night sweats, and in most cases found the result very satisfactory. He usually gives one or two 5 grain doses of powdered ergot before bed time, and the cases are few in which this remedy is found quite useless. He has, moreover, never seen any harm result.

BASSINI'S METHOD FOR RADICAL CURE OF HERNIA.—This method consists essentially in the following procedure: The sac is carefully dissected out, ligated, the hernia reduced, and the sac ligated and cut off as close as possible so that it will retract into the abdominal cavity. The internal oblique and transversalis muscles are then stitched back to Poupart's ligament, the cord being drawn aside in the meantime. The cord is then laid over these muscles, and a roof and a new canal formed by stitching the skin to the superficial fascia over the cord. Some operators make three layers of sutures, placing the cord between the layers of the superficial and the deep fascia.

HURON MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—The Huron Medical Association met in Seaforth on the 15th inst., with Dr. Turnbull, President, in the chair. Papers were presented by Drs. Campbell and Burrows, of Seaforth. Dr. Graham, Brussels, introduced the question of manner of collecting Medical Council fee, and this elicited considerable discussion. The subject of Medical Ethics was taken up by Dr. Wood, Mitchell, Dr. Bethune, Seaforth, and Dr. Shaw, Clinton. The annual election of officers took place and resulted in the appointment of Dr. A. Dalton Smith as President, Dr. A. Bethune, Vice-president, and Dr. Mackay secretary-treasurer.

LOCAL APPLICATIONS IN DIPHTHERIA.—Dr. White, resident physician at the Willard Parker Hospital, New York, says, *Med. Times*, that his experience with peroxide of hydrogen in diphtheria, at that institution, had been very unfavorable. All the cases showed some sign of irritation from the peroxide. Cleansing with plain water or normal salt solution was best. Dr. Jacobi, New York, used only physiological salt solution, or lime water, introduced gently through the nose. He regards it as criminal to bore into the mouth of a child and try to pry open its jaws while it is struggling and becoming exhausted. Besides, the