

it should be rejected ; it relieves the great thirst. But do not, under any circumstance, give any wine, spirits or opium. We sometimes hear of the sedative action of opium ; but, perhaps, this term may tend to mislead as to its real therapeutic effects. Poisonous doses of the true sedatives, as pointed out many years ago by Dr. Headland, produce death by syncope. Opium causes death by coma apnoea. It is a stimulating narcotic, according to Dr. John Harley.

Should reaction be established, milk, nourishing soups and broths, and afterwards more solid food, may be constantly given in gradually increasing quantities. Not even then it is recommended that alcohol be prohibited until convalescence is assured.

If secondary fever should manifest itself, then quinine, according to circumstances, by the mouth, or hypodermically, if the stomach will not bear it. The neutral sulphate is now always used in India for injections. Again, let the clinical thermometer be the guide ; the higher the body-heat, the more quinine.

The writer earnestly begs those of the readers of this paper who may have opportunities to carry out all the details recommended above, and hopes, in spite of adverse statements, that the treatment advocated may be attended with success. At all events, he trusts that these remarks may be the means of inducing medical men to give the method a complete trial, and that reports that may be published before long may settle definitely the question whether in chloral-hydrate we have, or have not, a remedy of efficacy in malignant cholera.

Ruptured Pericardium ; Fractured Pelvis, and Ruptured Urethra.—(Under the care of Dr. PUZEY)—R. M., aged forty-eight, was admitted on Feb. 27th, 1878, having been knocked down and crushed by a bale of cotton striking him on the back. The diagnosis was, fracture of both pubic bones, with rupture of membranous urethra. There was considerable hæmorrhage from urethra ; extravasation of blood slight. He complained of great pain in the cardiac region ; and had an incessant painful cough and a markedly anxious expression.