

thought it might be miliary tuberculosis or typhoid, and showed a very marked reaction. Patches were standing out a quarter of an inch from the intestine. In the second case there was scarcely any reaction, but there was a little patch up in the caecum, and there was a marked ulceration inside the intestine, which may account for the reaction.

Dr. H. A. LAFLEUR, the Chairman—In the first place, I would like to say something about diet. It has been apparently assumed to-night that most physicians who treat typhoid fever confine their patients to an exclusive diet of milk. That is an absolute mistake. I think I can speak for Dr. Stewart and myself. We do not pretend to confine our patients to milk. Maybe this was true ten years ago, but not now. I have jotted down a few things I allow at the height of the disease: Coffee, tea, thin gruel, egg-nog, any clear soup, koumiss—which is pretty fair diet. They are all fluid, or nearly so. I might have added jelly, and even in cases where patients refuse milk I do not refuse a soft-boiled egg, even at the height of the disease; so that an exclusive diet of milk does not refer to the general practice here. I think Sir Wm. Hingston has drawn a picture of the horrible; we do not drench our patients with anything except cold water, and that externally.

With regard to the bath, I think I was one of the earliest in America to advocate and use it. In 1890 I advocated it at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. I had seen Wilson use it in Philadelphia, and I was so struck with the result of the treatment, although it had had a trial in Johns Hopkins, I decided to wait no longer, but subject the patients to it; and according to the subsequent statistics the results obtained fully justified it.

There has been a great deal said about the disadvantages, but not enough about the advantages—and perhaps the special advantages. It should be remembered that the treatment by cold bathing is, in the main, an eliminative treatment. It has been shown conclusively that the urine of patients subjected to the bath treatment is a great deal more toxic than other urine; which shows that the kidneys are stimulated chiefly by the action of the nervous system. That