

every promise of a speedy recovery, no prognosis can be given in the other four. The dose given was 6,000 units to children under 5 years of age, 8,000 units to those between 5 and 12, and 10,000 to adults. Thus the dosage is larger than is customary in diphtheria, and should be repeated daily during the course of the disease.

TUMOR OF THE PARATHYROID GLAND.

In the *Bulletin of the Johns Hopkins Hospital*, March, MacCallum reports a case of tumor of the parathyroid gland, a condition which has been described only twice before. It was discovered in the course of an autopsy upon a man aet. 26, who had suffered for some time from chronic nephritis and had died from uraemia. The mass lay on the right side, just below the lower pole of the thyroid, and quite separate from it, in a delicate capsule; it was almost spherical and was about 2 c.m. in diameter; and in the centre was a small cavity filled with a clear fluid. The blood supply was not rich.

Under the microscope it was seen to be made up of a tissue much resembling the normal parathyroid strands, and large anastomosing branched masses of cells were separated by a relatively delicate stroma, which bears the blood vessels. Certain masses of cells surround a central cavity, containing a finely granular coagulum. Of colloid matter there was practically no trace.

The normal parathyroids were found in the case. It could not, therefore, be regarded as a compensatory hypertrophy, unless, indeed, it had some relation to the renal insufficiency. For the present the writer would regard it as an adenoma.

PRACTICAL POINTS IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF POTASSIUM IODIDE.

In the *Medical Record*, April 1st, Huhner, of New York, calls attention to the following points which, while many of them are well known, are so important that repetition is permissible:

(1) Always give well diluted and never, if possible, on an empty stomach. For dilution nothing is better than milk, as it disguises the taste and prevents disagreeable after effects; the compound syrup sarsaparilla is also an excellent vehicle.