

following the injections. Different kinds of serum were used, so no comparison of dosage can be made. After all, though such good results are claimed, we cannot eliminate the two fatalities.

We may well ask the question as to whether there has or has not been any improvement upon the recognized plan of attacking the disease in its seat of inception by the most thorough antiseptic measures, and pushing the active general treatment.

It is surprising to note the number of cases in which the torn perineum was left to take care of itself. Can it be possible that there are men engaged in midwifery practice who do not know that such tears should always be repaired at once, thereby closing a common avenue for infection? Would a general surgeon allow a tear through the lip to gape open? No! Then why should a tear in another part of the body be neglected?

We will look forward to the publication of more cases treated by the antistreptococcic serum, and can only hope that they may be encouraging enough to win for the serum a lasting place in our esteem.

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The East Indian Problem.

FAMINE is raging in India. According to the *British Medical Journal*, some thirty-seven millions of people are in a state of real famine, while some forty to fifty millions are in scarcity of the requisite amount of food for ordinary health. This is certainly a serious condition of things, and one that may tax the energies of the British Government both at home and in India to the utmost. One thing is certain, these sufferers must be helped, or the most terrible consequences of disease and rebellion may be experienced.

In Bombay the Bubo plague is spreading, and very virulent in type. This disease appears to be of two forms. One, a polyadenitis, going on to suppuration and rapid death; and another form, much milder, known as the "ambulatory plague," with less adenitis, or even no buboes. Great pressure is being brought to bear upon the British Government to prohibit the pilgrimages this year to Mecca. This, however, would be a serious interference with a religious belief of the Mohammedans, and might give rise to wide-spread discontent or insurrection. It would seem as if it would be impossible to prevent these Meccan pilgrimages. The Government should establish a system of guarding the route of these pilgrims, so as to avoid the spread of the plague into other countries. The oriental, or bubo