

THE TREATMENT OF GRAVES' DISEASE.—Dr. W. H. Thomson, of New York, in N. Y. *Medical Journal* for October 17th, remarks that there is not sufficient proof to enable us to conclude that this disease is of thyroid origin; indeed, the writer strongly controverts this view. With regard to treatment he claims that meat is as bad for an ex-ophthalmic as sugar for a diabetic. It is well to begin by insisting upon an absolute milk diet for at least two years. The milk may require some preparation before consumption, such as koumiss and peptonizing. Vichy or lime-water may help the digestion of the milk. Fish in small amounts, and not more than one egg a day. Bread may be used freely; but potatoes, corn and beans are injurious, with a tendency to diarrhœa. Pastry must be avoided, and all forms of vegetables that disagree. With regard to medicines, high praise is awarded mercurial purgatives. After their use the rapid pulse often falls thirty or forty beats per minute. A blue pill, followed by a saline; or two grains of calomel rubbed up with forty grains of milk sugar and made into six powders, one every fifteen minutes, and a saline three hours after the last powder. This mercurial may be taken regularly once a week. The main medicinal treatment, however, is in the unremitting use of intestinal antiseptics. The following formulæ are given:

Phenol bismuth	℥iv.
Sod. benzoate.....	} āā ℥ii.
Bismuth subcarb	

M. Div. in capsules, No. xlviii. Sig. Two one hour after meals. Naphthol bismuth may be substituted for the phenol bismuth from time to time. Or

Salol.....	℥i.
Ichthzol	℥ss.
Sod. benzoate	} āā ℥iii.
Bismuth solicylate	

M. Div. in capsules, No. xlviii. Sig.: Two one hour after meals. The writer is sure that these antiseptics exert a specific action over the vascular and cardiac disturbances in Graves' disease. No bad effects have been noticed from their use.

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