

or four ounces of hot beef tea, care being taken that it is thoroughly dissolved. Renal inadequacy is a contra-indication to the employment of repeated doses, as elimination is prevented and the danger of intoxication being in consequence increased. In addition to the blood changes referred to and constipation, sulphonal induces ataxia with manifest weakness of the muscles of the extremities. Lowered temperature and slowness of breathing have also been observed. Visual and auditory hallucinations are uncommon effects. With care we believe it is possible to avoid all these disagreeable effects, or at any rate such as are of gravity, by attention to the following directions:—

(1) The maximum doses should not exceed twenty grains.

(2) It should be thoroughly dissolved.

(3) The drug should not be given continuously for more than a few days, and then only when purgatives are employed to counteract its astringent action.

(4) It should not be given continuously in cases of renal inadequacy.

Obituary.

—The death of Mr. John Wood of London is announced. For many years Mr. Wood held the chair of Surgery in King's College.

—Through the death of Dr. J. D. Gillespie, Edinburgh loses one of its most noted and respected medical men. A pupil of Syme, when this great surgeon was at the zenith of his fame, Gillespie laid the foundations of a surgical experience which he extended greatly by his fifteen years of work as an active surgeon in the Royal Infirmary.