

what I may venture to call our profound ignorance on the subject of digestion. I think we do not realize fully the depth of our ignorance; I do not think that we take into account the separate transitions which we name separately, but which are small parts of one thing.

Now, for example, the digestion of a fluid like milk is affected by its temperature, as it is in my own case. I may take a little milk and it may upset my digestion, or quite the reverse, according to the temperature. I have never heard the temperature referred to with reference to the typhoid patients. It may be worthy of consideration, both as regards a good tonic effect and otherwise; so that this plea for a less restricted diet seems to me as being on a good, sensible and physiological foundation, that is to say, with such a limited knowledge of the digestive process and such a defective knowledge of individuals to meet this case. For instance, some think that milk is taken directly into the system, and I am not sure that they are not right. But here again there is not really so much difference of opinion as there seems to be. As I understand, it is not a question of liquid or of solid diet, but as to whether there should be a greater variety of diet, and certainly if this variety can be obtained without danger to the patient it is a good principle, because all are agreed that it is more important with the typhoid fever patient with what is long weariness to him, in the bad cases—that his comfort in every little detail should be attended to, which means that his nervous centres should be disturbed as little as possible by things which are calculated to disturb it. So I would submit that this discussion has led to the conclusion that there is less difference of opinion as regards essential principles than might at first be supposed, and that the result of it will be to show that there may be variety with union.

Dr. KERRY—In connection with the fibro-plastic exudate in typhoid, it might be interesting to refer to the *post-mortem* condition of two of Dr. Stewart's cases. I happened to be in the Royal Victoria Hospital, and I was pressed into service at the *post-mortem*. In the first case, in which the diagnosis for several days was not certain, it was