acidity and gastric insufficiency, after appropriate gastric treatment (i) in senility attended with general debility.

2. Cases in which the action of the liver is torpid, carefully excluding all cases with exaggeration of hepatic processes.

3. The most important group comprises any depraved state of the nervous system, such as: (a) convalescence from acute affections, influenza; (b) various forms of phosphaturia with the exception of phosphaturia secondary to hypersthenic dyspepsia with hyperacidity; (c) many forms of neurasthenia, where depression or asthenia is the leading symptom—but phenomena due to excitement are aggravated; (d) muscular atrophies of various origins; (e) paralyses due to various causes—in this class the medicament has but little influence; (f) the pains of tabes dorsalis, tic douloureux, sciatica, lumbago—which are particularly benefited by this treatment, the pains of tabes in seven out of ten patients being either much modified or altogether abolished; (g) Addison's disease. In mental diseases or progressive general paralysis no good effect has been observed—in fact, the results have been harmful in agitated patients; but some good effect has been noted in depressed patients suffering from melancholia.

4. Whenever it is desirable to modify the metabolism of the calcium salts, as in many affections of the bones, such as rickets, osteomalacia, fractures, etc.

Dr. Robin was led to study the therapeutic value of the glycerophosphates (with which he had been experimenting since 1888) by the fact that in the course of his researches on neurasthenia he found that certain patients excreted in their urine quite considerable quantities of incompletely oxidized phosphorus. And since the other nutritive conditions remained normal, he considered that this phosphorus must originate from a retrograde metamorphosis of the neurolecithin. For, as is well known, most of the imperfectly oxidized phosphorus appears as phosphoric acid; and phosphoric acid is an essential component of lecithin, which plays so important a part in the structure of the nervous system.

The excretion of the ordinary medicinal phosphates is, however, a matter of difficulty, and he therefore thought he would attain better results by administering the phosphorus in an organic combination more suitable for the nervous system.

Elixir Glycerophosphates Calcium and Sodium (Parke, Davis, etc.) rapidly builds up the impaired nervous system which is found during convalescence from all serious acute diseases, especially after grippe.