

a problem, he soon experiences fatigue and heaviness of his head, which often turn into a violent headache; then his sensations are altered, his affections cease, he is indifferent to everything; that which has the most right or power over his mind, remembrances which are most dear or most painful, have no interest for him. His character has changed. He is conscious of his condition, and can for a few minutes rouse himself out of it. A crisis may follow, his head is congested, he feels quite giddy. Finally, all these symptoms disappear, and his mind recovers its tone and clearness. The attacks vary much with individual disposition.—*The Doctor*.

HEALTH OF FACTORY-WORKERS.

At a meeting of the Centenary Club, Pal Mall, on June 28th, Mr. Motteshead made a statement that, on account of the greater speed of the machinery used in factories, the results to the work-people were an over-strained nervous and physical condition, feverish excitement, and heart disease. To this assertion Mr. Hugh Mason gives an emphatic denial, declaring that, both from his own personal and practical experience in factories, the physical and mental condition of the work-people is greatly improved by the machinery used, and by the sanitary regulations enforced; and he challenges Mr. Motteshead to prove the statement made. We should be glad to hear the opinions of factory surgeons on this subject.—*The Doctor*.

ERYTHEMA NODOSUM.

Dr. H. S. Purdon, whose Quarterly Reports on Dermatology are known to the readers of *The Doctor*, contributes a paper on Erythema Nodosum, to the *Dublin Medical Journal* for June. He seems to have had frequent opportunities of observing this affection, and thinks it should be classed with hæmorrhages of the skin, not amongst the inflammatory group. The lower limbs although the usual seat of the eruption are not always so, the arms occasionally being attacked. The treatment recommended is iron and quinine, whilst locally shampooing the legs or part affected with hot sea water is to be recommended; a Daimetta flannel bandage worn during the day, as all erythematous legs are below the normal temperature. In obstinate cases the peroxide of hydrogen and tincture of steel are very useful, a teaspoonful of the former with ten to fifteen drops of the latter in a wine glassful of water twice daily.—*The Doctor*.