

body. The case of a young child presented the appearance of an acute exfoliative dermatitis.

The throat in mild cases showed as a rule redness and some slight swelling of the soft palate and tonsils. In the severe cases the whole palate, pharynx and tonsils were intensely red and covered with sticky mucus. In the most severe cases ulceration and destruction of the tissues occurred, accompanied by a foetid odour. In these cases also the glands of the neck became swollen and inflamed, frequently running on to suppuration. A general pyæmia has been frequently set up.

In one case sloughing of the tonsils and cellular tissues of the pharynx occurred, leaving the muscles of the pharynx clearly dissected out. In another case an abscess developed behind the soft palate, which was evacuated by an opening through it with immediate relief.

A large number of cases presented a diphtheritic appearance. This was most common among the moderately severe cases, but was also common in the very severe cases. They were always accompanied by enlargement of the glands of the neck which very occasionally went on to suppuration. This diphtheritic condition occurred in 8 per cent. of the cases.

The digestive system was not, as a rule, much disturbed, except the appetite was lost. Vomiting was persistent for four or five days in four cases. Diarrhoea was troublesome in three cases early in the disease. In fatal cases it frequently set in during the last three or four days.

The complications and sequælae have been numerous and varied.

The most frequent and most dangerous was inflammation of the glands of the neck. This occurred in 19 per cent. of the cases. The most dangerous was that form with an ulcerated condition of the throat. It generally ran on to suppuration and was by far the most frequent cause of death, five deaths occurring from this cause, while only three recovered.

A less important form was that accompanying the pseudo-diphtheritic angina. This only went on to suppuration in one case and caused no deaths. These two forms have occurred in