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## CASES OF PERTUSSIS TREATED BY CARBOLIC ACID.

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MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN,—As no subject was named at the last meeting for discussion to-night, and as I am partly responsible for the omission, I feel it incumbent upon me to offer a few observations in the hope that they may stimulate you to discussion.

Considering the prevalence of pertussis among the growing population, it is surprising how little attention is given to it by the majority of practitioners; and it is equally surprising, considering the advances that have been made in pathology in recent years, to find that the treatment of this important affection is still so undecided.

As a rule the disease is regarded very lightly by physicians, and more lightly I think than the nature of the affection warrants, because, while it must be admitted that pertussis pure and simple is usually an insignificant affair, as far as its consequences are concerned, yet we find it as a rule complicated with other affections which impart a gravity to it, and render it worthy of our very closest attention.

In some epidemics the mortality runs very high indeed, and it will be found on inquiry that death is to be attributed in a