

stated that he did not believe in the use of antistreptococcic serum. The patient was not getting any better, when he obtained excellent results with inoculation. The opsonic index rose, the temperature fell, on the third inoculation the temperature jumped up, which was found to be due to thrombosis in the iliac vein, but citric acid given to dissolve the clot cleared up the trouble in a day or so.

Prof. Wright obtained remarkable results in the treatment of Malta fever by inoculation. The mortality of Malta fever is not high, about two per cent., but it sometimes runs a course of two years, the average being ninety days. It sometimes leaves the patient absolutely crippled. Nature is very slow in this disease in making a protective substance. The inoculation raises the opsonic index and controls the disease in a very short time.

Prof. Wright stated that only the fringe of this work had been touched, and that countless diseases might be tried, such as discharges from the ear, uterine discharges, etc.

The great trouble was the expense involved to treat cases by this method. It may be possible to find a short cut, but that is in the future and a great deal of work has to be done. It is very important to bring your knowledge of bacteriology into your every day practice. The medical practitioner should determine the nature of the infection, and then place the patient under the care of one who could watch the process of immunization and aid this by the employment of the proper vaccines.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.*

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LADIES and Gentlemen,—I had hoped, by having a distinguished guest here, to escape the ordeal of giving an address, but my Executive were firm in insisting that it was the duty of the incoming president, (I would rather call it the penalty) to open the Session in this way. Hence I will take up your attention for a few minutes, and would ask you to look upon my remarks as a curtain-raiser for the real attraction that is to follow.

In the first place allow me to express my great appreciation of the honor that you have done me in placing me in this chair. The Toronto Medical Society is the oldest as well as the largest Medical Society in the city, and many of us who heard Dr. F. N. G. Starr's address when

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