

improved. I also gave the medicine to the little child, but not to my satisfaction, as it produced a cathartic effect, and I was obliged to discontinue it. About seven days from the time I was first called, the older child was fairly convalescent, but the younger began to complain, and show symptoms of the approaching malady, so that I now gave to her the medicine in smaller but frequently repeated doses, and after some three days of listlessness, with poor appetite and slight soreness of the throat, she commenced improving, and had no further symptom of the disease. About the ninth day from the attack of the first child, one of the attendants, a miss of eighteen, who had never had the fever, began to complain of headache, sore throat, &c., and was much frightened. To her I gave ten grains of hyposulphite of soda every two hours, and, after about sixteen hours, catharsis commenced with relief of the symptoms. She continued the medicine, ten grains three times a day, for four or five days, and had no further symptoms of scarlatina, except that the throat was not entirely well for four or five days.

Mr. S. has a family of five children, all quite young, none of them ever having had scarlet fever. Was called, June 27, 1865, to see the youngest, a child of two years of age, who was covered with the scarlatinal eruption, had a very sore throat, and who otherwise presented unmistakable symptoms of scarlet fever. I used the hyposulphite, with, however, not very marked good effect, so that I had to fall back on old remedies. The child finally, after a very severe and protracted sickness, recovered. The peculiarly interesting part of this memorandum is that the other four children were given the hyposulphite, according to their several ages, and not one of them took the disease.

One other note and I will close. A Mr. B., of Wilson street, this city, has brought up a large family, and all have had scarlet fever, and suffered terribly, except two of the younger ones. I was called in haste, on November 24th, 1865, to see the youngest of these two, and found a well marked and well developed case of scarlatina. I immediately resorted to the hyposulphite of soda for both the sick one and the well one, and had the satisfaction of seeing the sick one recover rapidly from a severe form of the disease, with no other remedy than the one mentioned and some chlorine water as a gargle for the throat. The other child, although in the room with the sick one most of the time, presented no symptoms whatever of the complaint.

I am not so sanguine as to suppose that we have in the hyposulphite of soda an unfailing remedy for this dreaded malady, or even a positive prophylactic; yet I have a strong belief that it may prove beneficial both in the treatment and prevention of scarlet fever. I have hastily recorded