MEDICAL AND SURGICAL NOTES.

INHALATION OF OXYGEN FOR DISEASE.—The *Gazette Medicale de Paris* states that M. Tamin-Despalle in a paper read before the Academy of Sciences, says that a patient of his was attacked with severe cerebral congestion at two in the afternoon. He fell, and, on recovering himself, found that the whole of the right half of the body was paralyzed. The pulse was 82 and the face livid. He had taken a hearty meal about half an hour before. M. Tamin-Despalle, in view of all the indications which the case presented, thought he ought not to bleed, or administer an emetic. He ordered inhalations of pure oxygen. After the first few inspirations the patient felt better, and the power of motion and sensibility returned in the paralyzed side. At seven o'clock in the evening, having taken in all about eight quarts of pure oxygen, he was well.

SODA WITH CLORAL HYDRATE.—According to Prof. König, the eminent German pharmaceutist, the narcotic power of chloral hydrate is increased to an important extent, and its prejudicial effects reduced in the same proportion, if bicarbonate of soda be administered immediately beforehand. Prof. K., after five observations, believes himself to be in a position to state that one part by weight of chloral hydrate may be replaced with equal effect by one part of bicarbonate of soda and 0.4 part of chloral hydrate. And since, says the Professor, calculated from the average manufacture of chloral hydrate more than 100,000 persons daily use the sleep-producing medicine made known a few years ago by Prof. Sviebitsch, some may find it both useful and interesting to test the conclusion here stated, which was indeed probable from theoretical considerations.

DIGITALIS IN FEVER.—A writer in *The Dublin Medical Journal* asserts that in the treatment of fever—typhus and other forms—too much reliance has been placed on alcoholic stimulants; that the percentage of cases requiring such stimulants is a low one; and that while the administration of them by physicians must depend, as regards quantity and kind, entirely on the condition of the patient, still the utmost caution is required, in view of the present limited knowledge of their physiological action. In digitalis, however, he says there is possessed a powerful cardiac stimulant, which, while it gives force to the heart, does not do so at the expense of the system, but rather is a conservative agent, controlling expenditure and limiting waste of vital action; though of course the fact is to be borne in mind that a large number of cases will recover without any specific treatment, save that care which provides for the wants of the system and secures the patient from the risks of complications. The digitalis appears to be indicated in the early periods of many cases of typhus in which there is a rapid pulse and high temperature range.

LONGEVITY OF BRAIN-WORKERS.—That great thinkers and hard brain-workers are long-lived is asserted, with a considerable array of facts, in a volume by Dr. Beard. He presents a list of some 500 of the most eminent names in history, including a number like Pascal, Mozart, Keats, and others, who died young, and finds the average age of the 500 to have been over 64 years. As this is far beyond the average age of farmers, mechanics and business men, he concludes that the wear and tear of brain work is not so exhaustive as is commonly supposed, and that it rarely shortens life. *The London Spectator*, however, reviewing this theory maintains that excessive mental toil must shorten life, and did evidently shorten it in the case of many of the 500 cited; but they had originally more vigorous constitutions and a large amount of vital force, and, by virtue of this superior vitality which explains in part, also, their superior brain power, they were able to continue hard work even to old age, before breaking down under the pressure; though the same vital force would have prolonged life for many years if they had not exhausted it prematurely.

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