

These facts were related to a large meeting of the Burma Branch of the British Medical Association held at the General Hospital, and Captain Whitmore hoped to make arrangements for publication in the near future of a paper in the medical journals at Home.

POISONS.

MR. William Taylor, F. R. C. S. I., who recently lectured to the Irish Nurses' Association on "Poisons," spoke, in substance, as follows.—

Poisons may, widely speaking, be divided into two groups, Acids and Alkalis, and the general treatment for acid poisoning is to administer and in alkali poisoning to give an acid.

1. Carbolic acid may be taken as a distinctive poison. The antidote is alcohol in some form, such as whiskey or even methylated spirit, the object being to render the acid inert. Then, if possible, the stomach should be washed out; if impossible, give a hypodermic of Apomorphinæ Hyd. to make the patient vomit.

2. Oxalic acid: Antidote, lime in any form, even if only knocked off the wall or ceiling.

3. Phosphorus poisoning: This is a very common form of poisoning with children, as they so often suck the tops of matches, etc. The symptoms are intense thirst, strong smell of garlic off breath, severe colic, collapse before death. Antidote, *old turpentine*. Avoid oils of any kind, as oil makes the poison more active. Wash out the stomach with Condry's Fluid or Salinas.

3. Laburnum seeds: Give an emetic, then dose of oil to thoroughly clear the intestines, and opium to relieve pain.

4. Shell fish poisoning: Same treatment as Laburnum, but also give an astringent after emetic.

5. Ptomaine poisoning from decomposed food or fruit or tinned meats, etc: Same treatment, as also for Fungus poisoning.

6. Corrosive Sublimate: Antidote, eggs, or a quantity of milk if eggs are not handy; give emetic and wash out stomach.

7. Opium and morphia poisoning: Keep patient roused, allow him plenty of fresh air, and give strong coffee, which is made much more effective by the addition of a few grains of pure caffeine. Also give emetic or hypodermic of apomorphine. If opium has been taken, a strong smell of it can be detected from the breath; if morphia, no smell, but the other symptoms will be the same.

8. Chloral Hydrate: Antidote is strychnine, also an emetic, or wash out stomach.

9. Strychnine : The antidote is Chl. Hyd.

10. Arsenic (acute): Antidote, white of eggs or quantity of milk.

Arsenic (chronic): See that the patient gets no food or medicine except what is prepared specially by the nurse or doctor, get rid of as much of the arsenic in the stomach as possible, and the patient will do well.

11. Prussic Acid: This is such a deadly poison and acts so quickly that it is rarely anyone is saved.

12. Lead: Hot stupes to relieve colic pains, also injection of morphia; small doses of Iod. Pot. combined with Sulph. Mag. or Sulph. Sod. Keep patient in bed and away from the occupation which has caused the illness.

Poisoning may also come from the use of iodoform, carbolic acid, etc., etc., in dressing wounds, but can easily be controlled by stopping the use of the particular dressing. For gas poisoning give plenty of fresh air, oxygen, and artificial respiration, if necessary.

The emetics generally used are:—

Mustard and hot water.

Strong salt and water.

Greasy water.

Ordinary lukewarm water.

Ten grs. sulph. of copper in warm water.

Hyppo wine for children, one teaspoonful every five minutes.

$\frac{1}{10}$ gr. Apomorphinæ generally acts in three minutes.

—*The British Journal of Nursing.*

THE UNCONTROLLED CHILD.

OBEEDIENCE is a word with a fine old-fashioned fragrance hanging round it. It is almost as much out of date as the proverb, "Spare the rod, and spoil the child." Parents of to-day are surprised that such a statement should ever have been made. They do not exact or expect obedience; if a child must do a thing it shall be persuaded, bribed, or even—this is in rare cases—brought to see the need for doing it from a reasonable point of view. But obedience for the sake of obedience is unknown. The result of this is plainly to be seen in that strange, rather terrifying production of the child of to-day. But the amount of discomfort it causes can only be gauged by the happy uncles and aunts. Love—that mother-love—one learns by experience is blind. Just as well, perhaps, for most of us need that one person who can see us always through the spectacles of glasses, and who is also blind to our thick overalls. But, on the other hand,