

reach the epithelium of the uriniferous tubes of the kidney, or rather, cause the shedding of that tissue by their presence. Scarlatinal kidney with its attendant dangers would thus be caused by the shedding of the epithelium in such quantities as to block the tubes more or less completely.

MERCURIAL TREATMENT OF SCARLET FEVER.

MR. D. HOADLEY GABB (Hastings) writes: The interesting record of investigations on scarlet fever that have appeared in the JOURNAL, and Dr. Clement Dukes's letter, have made me desirous of mentioning my experience of Dr. Illingworth's biniodide of mercury treatment in two cases. In the first, one of simple scarlet fever with a well marked rash, the subsidence of the rash and the lowering of the temperature were so decided, that my diagnosis was doubted; subsequent peeling and nephritis cleared up that point. The second child (infected by the first) appeared to be sickening badly, with tonsils considerably swollen and ulcerated, temperature high, etc. The next morning after commencing the biniodide there was a marked improvement, and the child recovered without a drawback. The desquamation was very marked, but with such an explosion on the skin I hardly see how it could have been otherwise. From the experience of these two cases, the biniodide of mercury seems to have a marked influence over the course of the disease.

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M.D. writes: Permit me to call your attention and that of the public to the cool manner in which the Medical Council performs its duties. By the new Medical Act it is lawful for certain foreign graduates to register their degrees, and the day fixed for doing so by Parliament was June 30th at latest. I sent my diploma up to the Registrar on June 30th, with the request that it should be placed on the Register, and I have received neither acknowledgment nor certificate. Had I been registered at the proper legal time, I should in all probability have been elected to fill an honourable and important office, for which a registered M.D. is a sine qua non. It is now filled up, and I am yet unregistered. I may say that I have complied with all the requirements of the Act, and that others complain of similar treatment. I have also heard that the Executive Committee of the Medical Council has been called for July 25th to consider the matter, but why was it not called earlier, as the law demands?

* * * M.D. should refer to the Medical Act, Part II., Section 17, Paragraph 1, which seems to require that an Order in Council should be issued before the provisions of Section 16 can be put in force; at least, this is one reading of the Act which has been suggested. It will probably be necessary to have a legal decision on this point.

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