SOCIETY MEETINGS.

Gesellschaft der Aertze in Zurich. Meeting, Feb. 9, 1895.

MÜLLER remarked, concerning the discussion on antitoxin treatment, that the mortality of diphtheria in private practice up to now was twelve per cent.; of hospital practice, fifty per cent. *Michael.*

Gesellschaft der Aerzte in Wien. Meeting, April 21, 1895.

ALBRECHT showed a specimen of polypus of the œsophagus. The histological examination proved it to be a sarcoma. *Michael.*

Aerztlicher Verein in Munchen. Meeting, Dec. 19, 1894.

SCHECH gave a review on the advantages of *nasal respiration* and the damage produced by *mouth respiration.*

DISCUSSION.

GRUNWALD remarked that the well-known rachitic thorax is a product of mouth-breathing. The diaphragm works as an auxiliary muscle in such cases of insufficient respiration, and by its traction it deforms the thorax. *Michael.*

Aerztlicher Verein in Hamburg. Meeting, March 19, 1895.

DR. ZARNIKO showed a patient, twenty years old, whose trachea was quite filled with dry, greenish, thick secretion, exhaling a fœtid odour. The author does not believe that it is laryngitis sicca, but a true ozæna of the trachea. *Michael.*

Medizin Gesellschaft in Leipzig. Meeting, Jan. 15, 1895.

Discussion on the Paper read by Dr. SOLTMAN. (*Compare the report in this Journal.*)

SEIFFERT reports on thirteen *post-mortem* examinations of cases of diphtheria treated by antitoxin. In all cases extreme degeneration of the myocardium was observed. Such degenerations sometimes are observed in cases treated in other ways, so that a relation between the antitoxin and this degeneration is not yet proved, but at the same time the absolute harmlessness of the medicament is not yet certain.

FRIEDRICH believes it necessary that the influence of antitoxin in cases of mixed infections should be studied in animals.

BIRCH HIRSCHFELD also believes that the different questions concerning antitoxin can only be answered by experiments.

KOLLMANN believes that the often-described exanthemata are not caused by the antitoxines, but that every injection of animal serum produces such symptoms. *Michael.*

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