Hæmatoporphyrin is indicated chiefly in the depressive disorders of the manic-depressive domain; not only the severe but also the milder forms benefit. On the other hand exogenously conditioned depressions respond only if endogenous factors are also present. The drug is not suitable for the depressive phase of schizophrenia. It also has an effect in increasing the capacity of children and juveniles, for instance, during examinations and at other times of heightened demand. The only contra-indications are severe, acute febrile conditions or organic liver affections.

So far, some 327 cases of severe forms of melancholia and endogenous depression have been treated, and of these 98 were distinctly improved, 162 cured or greatly improved while only 67 remained entirely uninfluenced.

Those cases in which inhibition is the dominating symptom do best. Those with marked anxiety complexes and lively hallucinatory elements do not do so well. In many cases there was definite improvement in 10–14 days.

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ERRATA AND CORRIGENDA.

1. The Editors wish to apologize for omitting the name of A. W. Pettit from Dr. A. Guirdham's paper in the July number. The title should read, "The Hæmatology of Convulsions", by Arthur Guirdham, D.M.Oxon., D.P.M., and A. W. Pettit.

2. In the Symposium on Somnifaine Narcosis in the July number, on p. 432, § 2, 4% chloretone should read ·04% chloretone. In § 3, line 2, for "respiration" read "the inhibition of respiration found with small quantities of somnifaine".

The Editors wish to express their regret at the presence of these errors.

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