rapid in onset and of good duration, and with an absence of unpleasant or dangerous sequelæ; only one patient complained of drowsiness the next day.

In Group 2 there were 15 patients, classified as follows: Melancholia (agitated) 3, mania 7, epileptics 2, schizophrenics 2, and 1 paraphrenic case. Of these 11 responded well to nembutal administration; the results in another were very variable, and with the remaining 3 the drug failed to achieve the desired effect. On the whole the results were sufficiently encouraging to warrant the trial of nembutal where control of excitement is required.

In the third group (3 patients) it proved a very effective help in those instances where a general anæsthetic was hardly indicated, but where some alleviation of pain or distress was necessary to gain the patients' co-operation, or at least to overcome their active resistance.

In Group 4 there were 14 cases, and to these the drug was administered repeatedly for periods varying from one week to two months or longer. The dose given was that which was sufficient to produce a marked sedative effect during the day with sleep at night, and varied with the type of patient and the degree of excitement present. The largest doses were required in the acutely maniacal cases, while satisfactory results were obtained with much smaller doses in melancholia. The general conclusion reached in this group is that the drug is of considerable assistance in controlling many of these cases, and that even in chronic cases improvement can be maintained. It was gratifying to see the improvement in three chronic agitated melancholics, who were still, after three and four months, remaining reasonably well on a small maintenance dose, in one case gr. 1½ at night.

In addition to this effect of control and improvement the drug was of benefit in accelerating the recovery-rate in some cases.

With regard to the dangers of administration of barbiturates in large and repeated doses over extended periods, no evidence of ketosis or other dangerous complication was observed. This was probably due to the moderate amounts used, and indicates that in these doses nembutal is a fairly safe drug to use. Some of our cases did undoubtedly react very deeply to smaller doses than others, but there did not occur any of those alarming results which might be due to an idiosyncrasy.

The types which seem to derive most benefit are recent manic-depressives, some of the milder schizophrenics, and also the acute confusional or delirious cases.

The CHAIRMAN congratulated Dr. Glass on the very interesting clinical material he had brought before the meeting. The paper was then fully discussed by the members present.

Dr. LYONS recorded two cases with symptoms of intoxication after moderately large doses.

Dr. MCCARTHY enumerated a number of cases in which he had found the drug most useful.

Dr. SMITH, Dr. L. DUNNE and Dr. GREENE also contributed to the discussion, following which Dr. GLASS replied.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Greene for their kind hospitality. This was carried unanimously.

Subsequently the members were kindly entertained to tea by Mrs. Greene.

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Mental Hygiene.
Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases.
Revue Neurologique.
Archives of Neurology and Psychiatry.
Journal of Comparative Psychology.
Zentralblatt für die Gesamte Neurologie und Psychiatrie.
Der Nervenarzt.

The attention of members is drawn to the recent addition of the *Zentralblatt* and of *Der Nervenarzt* to the list of journals available.

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