A change for the worse came on suddenly on the afternoon of the 29th, and she died collapsed in the evening just twelve hours under the week after she had been shot.

At the necropsy we found that death was due to purulent peritonitis, which was not over the whole of the abdomen but chiefly in three or four foci, the worst being round some extravasated blood that lay inside the wound of exit. I very much regret that I did not at the time of operation excise and drain both entrance and exit wounds. It was satisfactory to find that all the holes in the intestines were completely sealed. The pedicle was also in a very satisfactory shrivelling condition. The entrance wound in the foetus was just to the right of the spine, about the neck of the eighth or ninth rib, and the exit wound in the costal cartilages of the same side; the shot thus passed through the pleura, diaphragm, and liver.

A CRETIN TREATED BY THYROID EXTRACT.

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M. E. K. was born on March 1st, 1888, her mother—who suffers from hare-lip and cleft palate—having two months previously suffered a great shock from the rapid death of one of her boys from croup. Otherwise there is nothing noteworthy in the family history—no goitre, no consanguinity, and the four grandparents living to a good age. During infancy it was noticed that she differed from other children in being always very still and quiet, in sleeping inordinately, and in never crying. Up to 6½ years of age she remained very stunted in growth, propped up all day on a chair, being unable to sit up or stand, usually very stolid, and sleeping indefinitely, breathing very noisily, and unable to recognise people or to speak. She was always cold, liking to be near the fire. Her actions were very slow, so that she would take a full minute to raise her arm when asked to shake hands. Her bowels were extremely costive, there being usually only two or three very painful motions in a month.

On November 24th, 1894, the child was photographed, being held up for the occasion by her elder sister. At that time

Photograph taken November 24th, 1894.

her face was swollen, so that her eyes were often scarcely visible; her lips were swollen and livid; her tongue was swollen and livid, and commonly protruding; the teeth were black and stumpy; the mouth seemed always full of phlegm, and the breath smelt; the bridge of the nose was sunken and the tip flat; the neck was thick, the thyroid gland quite

imperceptible; there were soft swellings above the collar-bones and similar masses outside the nipples; the limbs were short and stumpy, the belly was swollen, and an umbilical hernia protruded to the size of a walnut. The hair of the head was not noticeably scanty or coarse.

A 5-grain thyroid tabloid was given every weekday in one dose for the succeeding six months, during which time the swelling gradually vanished from the tongue, then from the face, then from the body and limbs, so that in a few months her mother thought she felt quite a stone lighter, although she had grown some inches in height.

On May 10th, 1895, she was again photographed, looking very much like any ordinary child of two years of age; she

Photograph taken November 28th, 1895.

had then been able to sit upright for about two months, and could stand with the help of a chair; her bowels had long ago become quite regular, and the hernia long since disappeared.

In June the tabloids were increased gradually to 10 in a week—namely, one daily and an extra half on alternate days, and from October onwards she took 2 every day.

In July she could relish a meal like any other child; two lower and one upper permanent incisor had appeared. She enjoyed sitting out in the sun all through the summer, and was fond of rolling about on the hearthrug.

By October she was full of fun and activity, and quite affectionate; she could toddle about with a very little help; she had a large appetite; she was quite quick and intelligent in shaking hands, recognising people, etc.; she played and squabbled like any normal child.

On November 28th, 1895, after twelve months' treatment, she was photographed once more, having very much the appearance of any healthy child from 2 to 3 years of age, but being unable to talk—with the exception of saying a very few simple words like "dad," "mam," etc.—and having several healthy permanent incisors, most of the old black stumpy teeth having vanished.

The thyroid treatment caused no unpleasant symptoms whatever, so that it was never discontinued or the dose reduced; but the impression throughout has been that the child was taking just about as much as it could tolerate, being occasionally on the verge of diarrhoea and feverishness.

PRESENTATION.—Dr. James Bauchop has been presented by the members of the Hollinwood Ambulance Class with a silver-mounted ebony walking stick engraved with a suitable inscription.