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INDIAN PEDIATRIC SOCIETY

Clinical Meetings

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Child Health and Preventive Medicine

A. Ronald

A detailed outline of the history and development of preventive pediatric services was presented. The progress made in western countries and the improvements yet to be brought about in this country were discussed. (Lecture to be published later)

Discussion

Question: At what age should prophylactic injections against cholera, diphtheria and whooping-cough be given and at what intervals?

Dr. Ronald: Anti-cholera inoculation in young children is not advisable, but may be given after 2 years. Complications do not usually occur. The adult dose is 1 c.c. followed by ½ c.c. There is no need for diphtheria immunization until 6 months of age when 3 injections at monthly intervals may be given followed by a reinforcing dose after 3 years. During polio epidemics it is wise to stop vaccinations since the risk of infection is great.

Dr. K. C. Chaudhuri: During my long years of practice I have become increasingly convinced that the preventive approach to child-health is necessary. To prevent waste of technical knowledge, economic resources and hospital beds it is wise to educate mothers in the prevention of illness. It is also necessary to train physicians in preventive methods, e.g., immunization techniques, etc. Most students think that they have only to treat an ill child. They are unaware that healthy children also need care. This aspect of child-health should be emphasized in all institutions, since it is not possible to hospitalize all the ill children in the country. It is much easier to prevent illness and to promote health than to cure disease. I hope that the members of the Indian Pediatric Society will take the advice of the speaker and become preventive pediatricians”.

Dr. Sarma (Chairman) summing up: The lecture has dealt with a subject of vital importance. The development and growth of pedia-
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