NOTE ON THE TREATMENT OF BERI-BERI.

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I was very much interested in the discussion on Beri-beri, and as I happened to have a very severe case of the disease in my ward at the J. J. Hospital, I have been giving him an alcoholic extract of rice-waste dissolved in glycerine and normal saline, called locally "Konda," with marked benefit. The man was absolutely deprived of the power of moving his hands and feet—he had to be fed by the nurse, and had to lie helplessly on his back. Since starting this he is much better and is able to walk about with a pair of crutches. Before starting the "Konda Treatment" he was getting calcium glycerophosphate for more than two weeks without any improvement. On the supposition that it is the "Activator" which increases phosphoric metabolism, I have continued the calcium glycerophosphate, but the marked change was only produced after the third injection of the extract. I gave him only seven injections, and now he is taking it by mouth for the last month. Besides this case I have been treating two cases of osteo-malachia and two of rickets with the same treatment with considerable benefit. The osteo-malachic women whom I had under observation for several months, and who were bed-ridden, are now walking about without any support.