

capacity visited the sick room were persuaded to disinfect their throats and noses thrice daily. After the case was removed the throats and noses of all the forty sick-room patients, and any who had been assisting at meals, etc., were douched with Izal every alternate day for over a week. The whole of the clothing and furniture was burned, and the passages and room disinfected under the supervision of the sanitary authorities.

On reflecting upon some of the acutely delirious cases with high temperatures which I have seen in the past with typhoidal appearances but no other symptoms than the raised temperature and excitement, I wonder if any of these cases were undiagnosed mild cerebro-spinal cases admitted at times when the disease was not being heard of.

Recent Medico-Legal Cases.

REPORTED BY DR. MERCIER.

[The Editors request that members will oblige by sending full newspaper reports of all cases of interest as published by the local press at the time of the assizes.]

NORTH-EASTERN CIRCUIT.

The Otley Murder.

AT Leeds, on Saturday, July 18th, before Mr. Justice Bigham, James Jefferson, 21, labourer, was indicted for the murder of Elizabeth Todd at Otley on May 5th, 1908. Mr. Bruce Williamson and Mr. C. F. Lowenthal prosecuted for the Director of Public Prosecutions; and Mr. A. J. Lawrie represented the prisoner by request of the learned Judge.

Dr. Edgerley, medical officer of the West Riding County Asylum, and Dr. Exley were called to show that the prisoner was unfit to plead. They said that he suffered from insane delusions which filled his mind and largely impaired his faculty of attention. In answer to the Judge they conceded that he was able to understand what he was charged with and the effect of the pleas guilty and not guilty. They said that his attention was certain to wander during the trial, owing to his pre-occupation with insane delusions. His attention at any time could only be fixed by constantly addressing questions directly to him. Mr. Justice