

discharges shown in their electroencephalographic tracings when first examined, and both of whom had seizures at the onset. Seven children, one of whom had seizures and whose electroencephalograms showed evidence of epilepsy at the onset, have not had chronic seizures; one child had one generalized seizure 3 years after the onset without any past or current abnormality in the electroencephalogram.

Two children appear to have been very much disturbed by their experience. Both are teen-age girls who have not become right-handed again. The emotional disturbance has been aided and abetted by long-continued use of casts and physiotherapy given by physicians in trying to bring about the desired metamorphosis.

#### SUMMARY

The histories of 12 children who suffered acquired hemiplegia with aphasia have been reviewed. Although in four the onset was prolonged, it was usually not sufficiently characteristic to allow diagnosis and treatment prior to the development of the complete syndrome. The dominant hemisphere, as demonstrated by the lesion, did not correspond accurately with socially described handedness. Arteriograms were successful in demonstrating vascular malformation or

thrombosis in six of seven children on whom they were attempted. Recovery has been followed in 10 children over a period of years. All regained speech spontaneously, and four appear intact, or virtually so. All of the others show psychologic and neurologic residue. Psychologic steps during recovery have been briefly indicated, and one child having an expressive aphasia has been more fully described. Two children have had recurrent seizures.

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#### CORRECTION

In the article entitled "Diagnosis of Kernicterus in the Neonatal Period," by Richard Van Praagh, M.D., in PEDIATRICS, 28:870, 1961, an error appeared. The sentence beginning at the bottom of

the first column of page 870 should read: "Of these 882 infants, 31 (3.5%) developed kernicterus." The figure in parentheses appeared incorrectly, without the decimal point, as 35%.

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