

under somewhat trying circumstances, that I have so strenuously advocated for others, and received my reward for it, which may not have been a trifling one, for in neither case did cough follow the hæmorrhages. As the attacks were so clearly brought on by mental, not physical exhaustion, I pursued my professional duties as usual during the day, only laying up once, part of one forenoon, when rather more weakness than usual followed a night hæmorrhage. Of course, anything that could occasion much physical fatigue was avoided, and all study or writing was entirely stopped, for weeks, until recovery seemed complete.

It should also be stated that all the various premonitory symptoms of Phthisis which I have ever experienced, and there have been many of them, and all the various conditions of the system arising therefrom, have been in strict accordance with the idea that the loss of albumen in catarrhal secretions is the primary cause of Tuberculosis, and that a greater or less portion (according to circumstances hitherto pointed out), of the excess of blood-corpuscles, thereby left in the system, become tuberculous corpuscles.

There can be but little doubt that with such care and rest as I have never taken since 1849, when I commenced the study of medicine, excepting a few weeks at a time in two or three instances, I shall recruit, and be at least as well as I have ever been; but let my fate be what it may, my prayer will ever be that, for the sake of suffering humanity, the profession will soon wholly master, in every sense, that most horrible of all the scourges that have ever cursed our race; and if anything I have suffered, said, or done, shall aid in the slightest toward the more speedy consummation of this great work, I shall feel that my life has not been wholly spent in vain.

It is with no trifling emotion that I now return my most hearty and sincere thanks to my friends and patrons, one and all, for the kindness they have bestowed, and for the liberality shown, in sustaining the Homœopathic Quarterly to that extent which fully ensured its continuance, had my health held out. The support and endorsement it has received have been in all respects far beyond my most sanguine anticipations. It has been my earnest endeavor to instruct my readers to the fullest extent in my power, in other words, it has been my highest aim to assist in clearing up, for myself no less than for others, some of the many obscure points which yet hang over our chosen profession. Therefore I conclude with the hope that none will feel that their time has been misspent in the perusal of these pages, and if I have succeeded in convincing any one of the truths set forth herein, I shall feel amply repaid for all my labor.

Most sincerely and respectfully,
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SYNOPSIS

OF A FORTHCOMING WORK UPON

CONSUMPTION

AND ITS

NUMEROUS KINDRED MALADIES;

WITH TRACINGS OF THEIR CAUSES,

AND

OF THEIR CURES, UNDER HOMŒOPATHIC TREATMENT. X

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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

TO THE

MEDICAL PROFESSION.

The want of a system of pathology, based upon an absolute knowledge of the actual causes of the various diseased conditions to which humanity is subject, and, therefore, the better adapted to the therapeutics of Homœopathy, must have long been felt by all classes of practitioners of the Homœopathic school.

In vain do we search for anything satisfactory, under this head, in the pathological doctrines and teachings of the old or Allopathic school, for next to nothing is found there, about causes of disease, but assumptions and conclusions that are often so vague, irrational and contradictory, as to stamp them upon their face as abounding in error, excepting the bare fact, settled centuries since, that some diseases are hereditary, others contagious, some infectious, others miasmatic, and still others epidemic, etc. Neither do we find that much progress has yet been made in this direction, in our own school. No advance, in fact, except what little has resulted from Hahnemann's discovery of the three morbid poisons, or taints, namely, psora, syphilis and sycosis, as the foundation of much chronic and some acute disease. Yet these are but very imperfectly understood, even now, after so much discussion has

been had concerning them; for no one appears to have hitherto ascertained upon what class of tissues these taints seat, internally, or how they act thereon to produce the multitude and variety of diseases and sufferings which they do.

It was this pressing want, which I constantly experienced, in my daily professional walk, that first led me into a series of investigations, in the direction in question, though without originally designing to pursue these beyond the bounds assigned by my individual practice. But, the research once begun, continued each day to open a broader and more extended field, until, even before I was fully aware of it, I had assembled and digested a mass of facts, and results, so important and far reaching, that they could no longer be neglected, in themselves, or separated from the still higher results to which it was already apparent these unerringly pointed. It was not until then that I first formed the purpose of extending my efforts beyond my original limit, and of reducing to a system that which I had, at first, deemed only fragmentary, and detached. It was not without some surprise, therefore, that I saw the facts I had accumulated, and the necessary deductions which naturally flowed from these, arrange and classify themselves into a *system*, for one fruitful class of diseases, namely, the tuberculous, and its numerous kindred maladies, whose foundation rests upon Nature, herself.

Thus urged forward by the novelty of my discoveries, so entirely aside of anything contained in existing medical libraries, I resolved to embody the results of my labors in a volume for the profession, to be entitled, "*Consumption, and its numerous kindred maladies, shown to result from a loss of albumen by the mucous membranes,*

and their cures traced and defined through Homœopathic treatment," which volume will cover no ground hitherto occupied by the medical publications of any school. That work is now *mainly* ready for the press; but still there is much yet to be done to it; and as I can only give to that duty the time I can command, in the midst of a daily active practice of my profession, it may be a considerable time before I shall have the manuscript entirely arranged and completed.

In the meantime I submit to the profession, the following synopsis of some of the most prominent features of the book. By this the professional reader will see, at least in part, what is claimed as new in medical discoveries, in the direction in question; and if any shall object that *proofs* do not accompany the assertions, here contained, all such are respectfully assured that, in the work itself, such proofs shall be furnished in most ample detail.

It may be added that the book was copyrighted over one year since, in the expectation of its going to press ere this; but owing to the unforeseen delays above referred to, it still lacks something of completion.

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