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THE DIAGNOSIS OF TYPHOID FEVER.*

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NEXT to phthisis, there is no disease so often under consideration in Ontario; and, excepting diphtheria, no other which receives so much scientific attention as typhoid fever.

A medical text-book of ten years ago is pretty safe reading on almost any subject but this. A short time ago a mortality of nineteen per cent. was considered a good result. Brand, after many years, convinced the profession that his revival of the cold-water cure would reduce the death rate more than one-half; and now Dr. W. B. Thistle, of Toronto, by an elaboration of another old plan, claims to reduce the death rate very much more. Some time after the publication of Dr. Thistle's results, Dr. Woodbridge, of Ohio, laid claim to a similar plan, which he has modified into a specific, and produces a list of cases to show that the mortal-

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