

*testimony may be had.*—"For reasons drawn from the urine alone are as brittle as the urinal. Sometimes the water runneth in such post-haste through the sick man's body, it can give no account of anything memorable in the passage, though the most judicious eye examine it. Yea, the sick man may be in the state of death, and yet life appear in his state."

The painstaking gentlemen who published the account of a case of Eclampsia in the last number of this JOURNAL will likely dissent from this judgment, but the physicians of those days had to depend upon the eye alone, without the aid of apparatus for the estimation of urea. Their knowledge of the gross appearance of the excretions was profound, and one eminent diagnostician records the inference to be drawn when the excrement is "elaborately curled."

Maxim II.—*Coming to his patient, he persuades him to put his trust in God, the Fountain of Health.* "The neglect hereof hath caused the bad success of the best physicians: for, God will manifest, that though skill come *mediately* from Him to be gotten by man's pains, success comes from Him *immediately* to be disposed at his pleasure."

Upon this maxim one might make an excursion into exoetics, and take for a text the verses which describe the case of that Judæan king, "of perfect heart," yet "diseased in his feet." This unhappy man "sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians," and the consequences are stated in the ensuing words with rare precision: "And Asa slept with his fathers." If one were minded to enter into the matter of faith healing, much might be said, but what would be said might not be true. At least that is a fair inference from much of the writing that has been done upon the subject.

Maxim III.—*He handsels not his new experiments upon the bodies of his patients.*—"Letting loose mad receipts into the sick man's body, to try how well nature in him will fight against them, whilst himself stands by and sees the battle; except it be in desperate cases, when death must be expelled by death."

There are those who would disagree with this wise counsel. We are content to follow it, and let loose our mad receipts upon bodies lower than our own, and, standing by, watch the battle between nature and the drug.

Maxim IV.—*To poor people he prescribes cheap but wholesome medicines.*—"Not removing the consumption out of their bodies into their purses; nor sending them to the East Indies for drugs when they can reach better out of their gardens."

The treasurer of any hospital will testify, that, whether the medi-