

"Some time ago I applied to my friend A. F. Holmes, M.D., of Montreal, for certain information respecting the Cholera Asphyxia as it has occurred in that city, and have lately received from him a very ample and interesting reply. It is submitted entirely to your judgment whether the following abbreviation of the material facts may be acceptable to the profession.

Dr. H. having methodically replied to each enquiry, I shall not depart from this arrangement, but endeavour merely to adapt his statements to the limits of your Journal."

This paper, which is worthy of a place in the pages of the *British American Journal*, not only from its *data*, but its historical connexion with an eventful epoch in the sanatory condition of your city, is at your disposal if you desire it, and exhibits a characteristic minuteness and accuracy of facts and details worthy of imitation; and although some of the *opinions* there enunciated by the writer had changed before his decease, the article is no less valuable on that account, inasmuch as a large proportion of the medical profession can now exclaim on the same subject, "*tempora mutantur, et nos mutamur in illis.*"

The other paper, which is no less interesting and valuable, is on the same subject, and has reference to the former one. It is contained in vol. 8, No. 15, and is entitled, "Choleraic Diarrhæa unattended with pain," and is signed A. F. Holmes, M.D., Professor of Chemistry and Materia Medica, McGill College, Montreal, 9th May, 1833."

W. MARSDEN.

Quebec, 29th Nov., 1860.

(We should be happy to receive the volume alluded to.—ED. B. A. J.)

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"WILLCOX MARBLES."

*To the Editor of the British American Journal.*

A detachment of nearly one hundred specimens of this splendid collection lies on the table in my library, and is visited by the lovers of natural objects with great interest. The entire collection embraces four hundred and twenty-six varieties, and is without denial the finest and most extensive collection now existing. The specimens are in tablets of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches in size, beautifully polished and an ornament to any collection. Every mine, Column, Cathedral or Studio in the world has made its contribution, and Malakite, Onyx, Sardonyx, Granite, Fossilite, and Conglomerate shine in crystal beauty, and to the naturalist, volumes of interest exist.

This collection is for sale at a very low price, and I am waiting for the Patron of Science who would like to add this to the treasures of science as a private or public collection, and all are invited to examine the specimens for curiosity or purchase. All who are visiting Boston are invited to examine them.

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Boston, Dec. 1860.