

they were not permitted to receive a change of linen or fresh air under nine days. The condition of the patient, as you may imagine, was filthy and distressing in the extreme; the heat increased ten fold beyond what the fever made it, breathing the impure and heated air behind the mosquito bar, the sweat so profuse as to wet the mattress through. I have seen them at the end of six days dying, and the heat of skin greater than I should have supposed human flesh could be.

The third mode of practice consisted of a mixed course. Some of the blankets, &c., with blood-letting, cupping and leeching, and calomel, &c. This year the confidence of the Quinine has fallen off, and they seem to be utterly at a loss what to do, and are making various experiments. In comparative results of the above allopathic modes of practice, the Quinine was the most fatal, being about seventy per cent. I think the average of deaths about thirty to forty per cent, in private practice; in the Charity Hospital, by their own report, in 1853, it was sixty-six per cent. Contrast that with the Hospital at Rio in 1851 and 1852; under similar circumstances, they treated about the same number homeopathically, with a loss of six per cent. Homeopathy has been equally successful every where in the South, at Natchez, Havana, Barbadoes, and Rio Janeiro.

The potencies I use are the third, generally; some use higher. I believe the potency is not of importance, provided the remedy is given strictly homeopathic to the disease in all its changes.

Excuse bad writing and errors; I have written in haste, amid pressing professional business, not aiming at any thing but to give you the facts.

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P. S.—Our treatment is strictly homeopathic, as we would treat any fever without regard to name, and let common sense prevail in the nursing department, free admission of air, light covering, &c. The first stage is fully recovered by Acon., which frequently subdues the fever in one or two days, and no other remedy is needed. Bryonia is next in value, scarcely second to Acon. in the second or nervous stage, which is attended with pain in all parts of the body, accompanied with soreness and slight fever, some times tenderness over the region of the stomach. Bell. is some times useful, if indicated by brain affection; Nux for neuralgic pains in spinal column extending across the abdomen or chest; Ars. is rarely called for; it is useful in black vomit and that state of the stomach which precedes the vomit; to wit, red tongue, burning at the stomach, great thirst and tenderness of the stomach, and great debility. Veratrum is some times useful in vomito. The above are the usual remedies. If any special or unusual symptoms appear, they are to be met homeopathically. Many of the Southern physicians are in the habit of a routine practice of giving remedies in quick alternation; say Acon. and Bryon. in alternation of one or two hours, then Bell. and Ars. in the same way; but I do not think with advantage, but on the contrary, positive injury; the pure effects of Acon. being interrupted in the first instance, and Bell in the second, and besides no routine practice should be adopted, but each remedy prescribed strictly homeopathic to the disease, and one at a time. That is my