

quality and quantity of them he should drink, it is feared that much injury will result from the practice, although *small* quantities of them may be used with advantage. The Board also consider it their duty to warn the public against the use of the many kinds of violent purgative Pills, so extensively employed: many cases of cholera in 1832 and 1834 were induced by the use of Brandeth's Pills and others of the same nature.

23. As disinfecting agents, the Board would recommend, Chloride of Lime, for Out-offices, Privies, Sewers, Drains, Night Chairs, &c., and they are of opinion that in the sick chamber and other apartments in the vicinity of Cholera Patients, aromatic vinegar or "burnt" vinegar, would be found useful and agreeable. Their objections to some of the "disinfectants" consist in this, that to ensure their efficiency the floors and walls of the apartments should be frequently washed with them (as they are not volatile) whereby a damp and chilly atmosphere, so productive of Cholera, would be constantly kept up; but it must not be forgotten that the best preventives of infection are free ventilation and cleanliness.

24. It may be useful to mention, that during the former epidemics of Cholera in Europe and America "Medical Practitioners have not in any ascertained case conveyed the infection in their clothes to Patients whom they were attending for other diseases, or to their families." *Cyclo of Prac. Med.* And from the following extract a remarkable immunity from the disease is proved to have been enjoyed by persons placed in situations most favorable for its development, and is well calculated to allay the apprehensions of those, who from affection or duty may have to attend upon persons seized with Cholera.

"In the Cholera Hospital of this City (Cincinnati), in which, during a period of nearly five weeks, there were constantly from fifteen to twenty Cholera Patients, not a single case of the disease occurred amongst the Attending Physicians, Nurses, and other Attendants, although some of these remained in the