

patient, and I consider that this choleraic poison, when thrown into water increases its contagious power so rapidly as to affect a river for miles down.

Should the cholera again visit this city we may safely predict it will not be so fatal as on former occasions. In consequence of the supply of water from the new water-works being obtained above the source of contamination, it will be confined almost exclusively to persons engaged on the river, and who do not use the proper precautions for preventing their being affected by the water.

Presuming the disease to be taken from the water, we would naturally ask ourselves the question, what is the most simple and efficacious method of making the water fit for use and destroying the poison it contains? In reply I would say, simply, by having all water boiled before using it.

Every householder should have a jug of water that had been previously boiled and allowed to cool standing on the side-board, or in some convenient place ready for use, and should be particular that no water is drunk by any individual until it has been thus prepared. Boiling destroys all possibility of any contagion remaining in the water, no matter how infectious the water may have hitherto been. Should the plan of boiling be adopted there will not be the slightest necessity for brandy, whiskey, camphor, sulphur, charcoal or any other prophylactic being put into it.

Before closing these remarks, I may add one more hygienic observation that I trust will be useful. Where the out-buildings are in close proximity to the back of the dwellings, it will be necessary to have a ventilator of sufficient size taken below the seat of the water-closet or carried a sufficient height above the roof to secure a good draught. By observing those simple precautions both you and your patients that are not already affected will be as safe in the midst of cholera as if there were not a case within a thousand miles of you.

Gentlemen, should it be agreeable to you, I shall be happy to read on a future occasion a few observations on the treatment I have found most successful in this disease.

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T. J. ALLOWAY, M.D., 1st Vice-President, in the Chair.

Dr. SUTHERLAND exhibited two pathological specimens.

1. *Myeloid Disease*, involving all the tissues of one thigh, in a girl aged 18. When first seen, the symptoms were those of sciatica; a fortnight later a small lump was felt, which, in another two weeks, had enlarged to double its size. A lance was plunged into it, as it felt like an abscess; only blood came away. About a month after, she was admitted into the hospital; but too late for surgical interference, there being no healthy skin left in the neighborhood.

2. *Heart having warty Aortic Valves*.—This was removed from a man aged 30, a hospital patient, in whose brain was also found softening of the parts supplied by the right middle cerebral artery. About ten months previous to entering hospital he had recovered from an attack of hemiplegia. In this case there was a history of repeated attacks of acute rheumatism.

Abnormalities.—Dr. WM. GARDNER described two abnormalities which he had lately come across in his practice. The first was a case of double uterus, os and vagina, the latter being divided equally by a septum. Patient was a young married woman, not pregnant. The second case was one of absence of the urethra in a sterile married woman. Where the urethra should be is a pit about one inch deep, at the end of which is an opening with a fringe-like border leading into the bladder. The opening was large enough to easily admit the finger into the bladder. She has never suffered from incontinence, except during the past few months, and then only when in the upright position.

Dr. TRENHOLME had lately seen a woman with a double vagina, os and bicornuated uterus.

Idiopathic Neuritis of the Brachial Plexus.—Dr. STEWART showed a well-marked case of this disease. The patient is a man aged 35, and, until seven months ago, when his neuritis suddenly set in, enjoyed perfect health. There is complete