

on both sides; in some cases deglutition became much disturbed, and the fever ran to such height, and was attended with such cerebral disturbances, as to have proved exceedingly alarming, and which, I am persuaded, would, if not timely repressed, by active dephlogistic means, have produced fatal terminations.

In other cases, a sudden secession of the swellings in the neck and fauces has been followed by a considerable disturbance of the whole system; and I would, therefore, urgently recommend the avoidance of such repellent applications, so often and so thoughtlessly employed in similar affections.

What, however, is the most remarkable feature in certain cases of cynanche parotidæa, is the tumor of the testicles in males, and breasts in females, which sometimes succeed the subsidence of the primary affection. In several of the former, not only has the body of the testicles been found enlarged, and extremely painful to the touch, but, also, the spermatic cord and vas deferens—the lower portion of the epididymis remained hard for five and even six days; in the absence of the cynanche parotidæa, I should have pronounced this peculiar *metastasis* "*hernia humoralis*," bearing as nearly as possible all its characteristic symptoms.

In the latter (the females), the breasts were also greatly tumefied. I particularly noticed it in one of my female servants, aged 18, and where the intensity of pain proved so great as to confine her to bed for nearly eight days.

In these secondary affections, the patients received the greatest relief from a common liniment, composed of about 2 drachms of camphor to an ounce of olive oil, adding about 4 or 5 ounces of pure ammonia water.

The fever will, in the milder cases, be efficiently resisted by administering (proportionably to age) small quantities of tart. antimony and water.

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## ESSAI SUR L'EXISTENCE PHYSIQUE DE L'HOMME.

MESSIEURS.

Si nous scrutons les débris des siècles, nous verrons que nous sommes d'anciennes dates ainsi que tout ce qui nous environne. Excrémens de tout ce qui nous a précédé, nous tomberons un jour pour