

fied with the use of blue pills and calomel, and afraid of those who use them. Where, we ask, is the candid, unbiased man who will examine this matter and not come to the following conclusions? That the preparations of mercury should not be used as remedial agents—

1st. On account of their uncertainty of action.

2d. On account of their deleterious effects upon the human system when administered, according to the best writers who recommend their use.

3d. Because we have medicines entirely safe in their operation on the human system, and more efficacious in any disease for which mercury is given.

We pity those most sincerely who have imbibed the idea that mercurial preparations are both potent and safe in skillful hands, and that evil results accrue from their use only when abused. The abuse of mercury is constantly used as an offset by its advocates, against the objections of those opposed to its use as a medicine. Those who have their eyes open to the light and spirit of the age should not longer advance such silliness and nonsense. The public mind is eliciting truth on every hand; opinions in medicine, politics, &c., are not longer received for their antiquity, unless the elements of truth are found with them. Dear doctors, you need not hope like the professional aspirants and political demagogues of the past, that you can hold the reins and guide the public mind into a channel to suit your own selfish ends. Do not longer disgrace yourselves and your profession by *abusing* your own professional brethren, and the dearest interests of humanity, by saying that the evil effects of mercurial medicines only arise from their *abuse*. Does not every instance of bad consequence from it take place contrary to the expectations of the administrator? Do you know, in any case, that you can give it with a certainty that it will not produce disastrous consequences? We confidently say you do not. If it is used at all, which is abused the most, the medicine or the dearest interests of humanity and the confidence reposed in you by the sick?

Many boast how *little* calomel they use. We are glad to hear you say that you do not use one-fourth, or perhaps one-tenth, as much as you did a few years since. Physicians, as well as the public, are losing confidence in this Sampson. Why not forsake it? They tell us they know of no other articles that will produce similar healthy actions; know of no article that will act so powerfully as an alterative; so promptly and efficiently upon the liver. Eclectics claim that they have these agents. No one who