

[To the Editor of the Leader.]

SIR,— Influenced by a sense of duty I owe to mankind, I would respectfully request the insertion in your valuable paper of the following statement of my illness, and recovery from consumption, under the inhalation treatment of Drs. Hunter and Malcolm of your city.

In the month of October, 1862, I caught a very severe cold from getting wet several times in succession. This occasioned a very harassing cough with great hoarseness. Every morning upon arising I would cough for some length of time, until I would be completely exhausted. I was expectorating thick yellow matter in large quantities, was very much emaciated, had night perspirations in an alarming extent, had considerable pain in the chest, side, and beneath the shoulder blades, had great shortness of breath, hectic fever in the afternoons, no appetite, and so little strength as to be unable to walk ten minutes without complete exhaustion; and had all the other symptoms of a confirmed case of consumption.

Having already lost two brothers from this dreadful disease, I naturally felt great anxiety about my state, and consulted with several of the most talented and celebrated physicians of this vicinity, as well as of the city of Toronto, who all agreed that my left lung was very badly diseased, and were of the opinion "that I would scarcely survive the spring months, but if I did that I would probably live until the following autumn."

With this gloomy prospect before me, I was induced by my friends to consult Dr. Robert Hunter on the first day of August, 1863, who, upon examining my case very carefully, quite agreed with the other physicians as to the locality of the disease, but was of the opinion that a cure could be effected by his system of treatment by inhalation.

I had not used the medicines *one week* before experiencing a decided change in my feelings, and the symptoms gradually disappeared, until not a trace of them remained. When I found myself nearly recovered, I diminished the frequency of the inhalations, as ordered, until the disease wholly left me, when I discontinued them altogether. I have used no medicines now for more than two months, and find myself free from all cough, difficulty of breathing, or other bad symptom, notwithstanding that the weather has been extremely unfavourable.

During this spring I have been able to do quite as much work as could possibly be expected by a man of my age, and find that I can now carry a bag of grain quite as well as ever, and have sown [brodcast] all my crops this spring, without difficulty, and feel quite as well as before.

Having received such unparalleled benefit from their treatment, even after I had given up all hopes of cure, I would tender my sincere thanks to both Drs. Hunter and Malcolm, for the care and attention they have bestowed on my case; and cheerfully and confidently recommend their treatment to all persons suffering from pulmonary diseases.

My case is well known throughout this township, as well as in the city of Toronto.

I am, dear Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Etobicoke, June 4, 1864.

JAMES MOORE.