

consider which of these opinions appears more consistent with the real nature of rheumatism, and we must acknowledge that such a discovery would not ultimately lead to any important result in what respects the treatment, which is the same in either point of view, as will be seen by that recommended by the author, which is generally speaking, the same as prescribed by the French Physicians who entertain a different opinion as to the seat of the disease. It is also worthy of notice that this complaint is very frequently attended with ophthalmia, and the author has observed it in almost all the cases which occurred to him.

“ In the *Treatment of this Disease* if it proceed from the ill-use of Mercury, Sarsaparilla is proper; but if it be connected with rheumatism, opium and diaphoretics are prescribed, and colchicum may be employed if the disease be connected with gout. In other instances when several joints are affected, mercury as an alterative, will operate good effects. But in the *local* treatment, if the inflammation be acute, cold evaporating lotions, aided by the antiphlogistic regimen, seem to produce a better effect than emollients. If the disease be chronic, cupping is preferable to leeches, as the abstraction of blood is more sudden, general bleedings two or three times or oftener, cold lotions; and after the inflammation has subsided, blisters may be applied, several in succession, of a considerable size, and as near the joint as possible, but otherwise at a little distance. For example, if the disease be in the hip, blisters may be applied to the groin and nates, but if in the wrist, they may be placed on the lower part of the fore-arm. After these means, the following liniment is to be used with a gentle degree of exercise, one ounce and a half of Ol. Olivæ, and half an ounce of sulphuric acid. It may be made weaker by increasing the proportion of oil. Issues and setons may be used when there is reason to believe that a secondary disease is present under the form of ulceration of the cartilages.”

.. The *Second Chapter* treats of *Ulceration of the Synovial Membrane*, which the author has seen in only two subjects as a primary affection, and which brought on fever of a typh-