

of the throat or lungs, may be induced to apply to them for relief, and I unhesitatingly assert, for the encouragement of those thus afflicted, that I firmly believe the system of medicated inhalation pursued by these physicians is the only rational one for these diseases.

About fifteen months ago I was attacked by a dry hacking cough, which soon became troublesome, annoying me exceedingly during the night, and on arising in the morning I was compelled to cough for some length of time to remove the matter accumulated in the lungs during the night. I had severe pains in the chest and beneath the shoulders, with a sense of oppression over the part of the lungs immediately beneath the collar bones. My expectorations were yellow, purulent, and occasionally mixed with blood. I had lost twenty-eight pounds in weight, was much emaciated, and suffered so much from shortness of breath, that I was unable to attend to my ordinary duties. Upon examination of the chest both of my lungs were found affected; and having lost both parents, two brothers, and a sister from consumption under the ordinary treatment for the disease, although under the care of the best physicians of the day, I decided at once to try the effect of inhalation, feeling that it was the only method offering me any hope of recovery.

With this determination I applied to Dr Robert Hunter, in the month of July last, and after a careful examination of my chest, was pronounced to be extensively diseased throughout the upper half of both lungs, and must expect to continue the treatment for some length of time in order to effect a cure.

Soon after I commenced the use of the medicines I noticed a decided improvement in the symptoms. The spitting of blood soon ceased, and expectorations gradually became less, the appetite returned, the breathing improved, and my lost strength and flesh were again regained; until now I feel so much improved that for some weeks past I have been cutting my own firewood, and feel quite as little difficulty in doing so as before my illness.

I now feel perfectly well, with the exception of a slight uneasiness in the throat after a prolonged exertion of the voice, as the conducting of Sabbath services, which I feel confident will soon yield to the remedies which the physicians have kindly sent me to relieve it.

Having experienced such happy results from a method of treatment, which I consider has, through the blessing of God, rescued me from the brink of the grave, I cheerfully recommend it to the afflicted, believing that wherever tried it will, as it has done in this section of the country, produce a revolution in the opinions of the people in reference to the curability of pulmonary consumption; and the most incredulous be compelled to admit that the disease can be cured even after it is far advanced.

I shall ever pray that the blessing of High Heaven may continue to attend that heart-cheering, lung-restoring, life-saving treatment pursued by the physicians above referred to.

I am, dear Sir,  
Yours very truly,

Pickering, C. W., Feb. 23, 1864.

Rev. BENJAMIN LOCKE.

[Case of Mr. James Moore.]

Mr. Moore, the witer of the following letter, is well known to many of the citizens of this city; and the letter speaks for itself.

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