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ELIMINATIVE AND ANTISEPTIC TREATMENT OF TYPHOID.

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IN bringing before you these few notes on the treatment of typhoid fever, I feel that, although the subject is somewhat well worn, no apology is necessary, since every form of treatment so far advocated has, in its general application, met with but a very limited degree of success. The result can scarcely be termed a success in any sense; for typhoid infection has hitherto, no matter what form of treatment may have been adopted, entailed a more or less prolonged period of severe illness, with great prostration, not to mention the very considerable risk of a fatal termination ensuing.

The many plans of treatment advocated from time to time indicate clearly the unsatisfactory results attained. This dissatisfaction was felt to such a degree that it expressed itself in what has been termed a form of treatment which consisted, in essence, of no treatment whatever in so far as the disease was concerned; whatever was done being simply in the way of looking after the patient's surroundings and promoting his comfort. This "expectant plan," as it has been termed, has still many adherents,