

vomiting. Early in the morning, he procured from a neighbouring apothecary shop, an ounce of castor oil, with 30 drops of laudanum, which he retained upwards of half an hour, when it was vomited up with a large quantity of very acid liquid, from which he felt much relieved for a few hours; when towards the middle of the day, all the symptoms having returned, with the same violence as in the morning, he came under my care, and I resolved to try the effect of Sulphuric Acid. I therefore, ordered a mixture containing  $\mathfrak{zss}$ . of diluted Sulphuric Acid, with  $\mathfrak{zviiss}$ . of water.  $\mathfrak{z}l$  to be taken every two hours. The first dose was vomited up within five minutes, but on taking the second which he did immediately on the rejection of the first, he had no return either of vomiting or griping pains, and the next dose checked the purging; he had no recurrence of it from that time, and the following day returned to his work as well as ever.

*Case 2nd.* Occurred a few days after the above, and was that of a lady who has just recovered from her accouchment, when she was attacked with nearly the same symptoms as the previous case; and was, when I first saw her, much exhausted from the enormous evacuations. I immediately ordered the same medicine, and two doses checked all the symptoms, although she took a third dose, as a matter of precaution, and now speaks to all her friends, of the acid mixture, as a specific in diarrhœa.

*Cases 3rd and 4th.* Were in children—one, two years old, and the other five; both were cured in two days, with the Sulphuric Acid, of course in much smaller doses, and sweetened at the time of administering it. I shall not detail many other cases, that have fallen under my care since these, but they have been of sufficient number to give me full opportunities of testing the value of Sulphuric Acid in diarrhœa, and from the experience I have had in its use, I can confidently speak of its curative power in such cases.

*On the use of Diuretics externally.*—Dr. Christison, of Edinburgh, having called the attention of the profession to the effects of external diuretics in dropsy. I determined to try them in the first cases that should present themselves to me, two of which did shortly after I read his remarks in the Edinburgh Monthly Journal, of November last, which I will detail in as few words as possible: Elizabeth Connor, aged 26, whose case I will mention, when relating cases of acute Rheumatism, treated by Lime Juice, after recovery from a severe attack of acute Rheumatism, suddenly complained of enlargement of her abdomen; fluctuation was very evident; there appeared to be no structural cause for the dropsy, and accordingly I prescribed the formula as recommended by Dr. Christison. Equal parts of tinctures of digitalis, squills