

on her, and what experience and ingenuity could suggest, regarding diet and medicines, has been done and though weak and emaciated I have still hopes of her ultimate recovery. On the 1st and 2nd of June I had three new cases of the same disease, one in town, and two in the country, all three young men, between eighteen and twenty-one years of age, and in each case the intermittent fever commenced twice, not with a quotidian but with a tertian type, until with the third attack the symptoms of meningitis clearly showed themselves, in each case these young men were even partly able to work on the intermediate days. When I was called the intermittent type of the disease in two cases had left already and on account of the extreme rapidity of the pulse I commenced with tincture verat. virido, until the pulse was reduced and then followed it up with large doses of bromide of potassium and ammonium besides blistering, cupping and ice-bags. The eruptions in these three cases were large erythematous blotches, they recovered within from ten to twelve days.

I now ask the question. Is Cerebro Spinal Meningitis really an inflammation of the membranes of the brain and spinal cord? I deny it, because the intermittent type, as shown above, excludes the continuous process of inflammation. I can imagine an intermittent congestion, but an intermittent inflammation is a contradiction. Professor Miner, in the March number of the *Buffalo Medical Journal*, page 311, states that he did not find any symptoms of inflammation in the membranes, but that the appearances were normal.

I may add that two years ago last winter, there was an epidemic of meningitis, but not of an intermittent type, the first I ever saw, and of some twenty cases then attended by me, none died. They were similarly treated as now.

POISONOUS EFFECTS OF ANIMALCULÆ UPON THE HUMAN SYSTEM.

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As the following cases are somewhat anomalous. I consider it not inappropriate to communicate them to the *Lancet*.

About 10 p.m., on the 16th May last, I was summoned to a