

ous as the men who give any mercurial preparation secretly, under the name of medicine. The doctors have not turned quacks, but according to Dr. Parr, are already such. To call a man a quack, because he heals the sick with such medicines as the Lord has created out of the earth for that purpose, is the same as to give a man a title of reproach, because he not only desires, but really does good to all as he has opportunity, in opposition to all who are only lovers of their own selves, and care not who suffer if they can be gratified in what they desire.—*Medical Reformer, Portland, Me.*

### PHILOSOPHY OF THOMSONISM.

It is now an established fact, that there is only one immediate cause for almost every variety of disease, and that cause is shutting up of excretory vessels—when these are closed, it is like shutting up the common sewers of a city, and allowing the filth to accumulate in the streets. The results of such conduct are disease and death. Just so it is with the human body; when the natural drains are closed up, the impurities are retained and added to the circulation. Thus the blood becomes impure, and all the secretions from that fluid are of necessity bad; the gastric juice will be found wanting in those astonishing solvent properties which are so necessary to the proper digestion of the food, and the bile, instead of assisting in evacuation of the bowels, will induce costiveness; the matter emitted by the excretories will be confined in the bowels, where, if not speedily removed, it will putrefy and form septic acid, which is the cause of those horrid diseases called dysentery and inflammation of the bowels.

Again: The blood, clogged with impurities, cannot circulate with freedom; the blood vessels are bloated and distended, which, causing a pressure on the nerves, the nervous energies are destroyed, producing hypochondria, low spirits, weakness, producing unwillingness to take exercise, or mix in company, with all the train of miserable feelings and affections which have received the general

name of nervous diseases, and have long been considered incurable. If the nervous patient will, however resort to a medicine which shall cleanse the stomach and bowels, and act as a purifier of the blood, he will in a short time find his nerves as strong as the nerves of his neighbors.

Although all diseases have their origin in the shutting up of the excretories, either of the skin, the kidneys, or the bowels, and although all the sickness and pain which follows, is occasioned by the impurities contained in the blood and other humors, yet the kind of disease which shall follow depends entirely upon what viscera the blood may deposit its superfluous load.

If the superfluous humors which corrupt the blood should be deposited (by the general circulation) in the blood vessels of the lungs hard knotty substances called tubercles are formed, and consumption follows. Should the impurities be deposited on the liver, the result is the different kinds of hepatic complaints. If on the membranes or muscles, rheumatism or gout. If along the inner surface of the blood vessels, palpitation of the heart and apoplexy.

Having thus shown that there is only one immediate cause for all the various diseases to which flesh is heir, viz. an impure state of the blood and other fluids, it only remains to inquire how we shall rid the body of those impurities? We answer, simply by opening the natural drains of the body—a medicine that will cleanse the stomach and bowels, and throw open the pores in order that the impurities which have accumulated may pass off, and the fluids resume their natural state of purity.—*Exeter News Letter.*

If we will train up our offspring in the free and early use of flesh meat, and accustom them to high-seasoned food and richly prepared dishes, and learn them to drink tea, scffee and wine, and effeminate their bodies with feather beds and tight enervating dress, we shall be more indebted to their want of opportunity to sin than anything else, for the preservation of their bodily health and chastity.—*Graham.*