

But if they should have all failed, and come short of the high excellence which they most ardently sought to obtain, it is no reason but the Deity, in love to man, may lead an untutored mind to make that discovery, which has been concealed from ages. "By their fruits ye shall know them;" an infallible criterion in medicine, as in morals or theology. I cannot be deceived in the medicine which removes my disease.

The fruits of Thomson's practice have been so abundant, on the most forbidding soil, and so well authenticated, that we are called upon to admit its truth and respect its testimony; and it requires the aid of strong prejudice to resist its claims on public confidence and attention. Great men are not always wise; the most simple means are often overlooked, for the most labored and complicated; and it would be well to give the agency of God a place in the universe, as well as the agency of man. The *kine pock*, a mere accidental discovery, extremely simple, and yet powerful to expel disease, on which all the physicians of the world had spent their skill in vain, for twelve centuries; while it was carrying off annually, one in every twelve of the population of the globe, and leaving its rude impress upon nearly one half of the survivors. It will be easy for Divine Providence to discover a specific to men, for consumption, for fever, for plague, for every pain, as for the small pox; for a more loathsome and terrible disease could not be found among all the maladies of man.

There are herbs, says Dr. Ray, to cure all diseases, though not known every where. The Celtic tribes know the most of them. They can take the pain out of a burning at once, and heal it soon, though burned to the bone; which baffles all the faculty in large and learned cities. The Celtic doctors are applied to by such as use the established practice, when given up by it.

The same writer says, it is a mistake that the animal spirit resides in the nerves, and not in the blood. It is self-evident, from the *opifex rerum*, or maker of man, that life is the blood;

for the heart and blood are first formed, and all the other parts, both solid and fluid, are nourished from it. Death makes no alteration on the nerves, but it makes a total change in the blood. Though all the nerves are said to be derived from the brain and produced by it, yet the nerves are found to be in proportion to the size of the body, and not of the brain; and they are so in monsters where no brain can be discovered. The nerves and brain are themselves supplied, repaired, and nourished by the blood. He, therefore, considers the *blood*, and not the *nerves*, as the principal seat of disease, as it is the vehicle of heat and life to the whole system. The morbid action of the blood, the cause of disease, he says, is to be removed by barley water, pure water, pure air, light food, and gentle exercise.

ERYSIPELAS AND SCARLATINA.

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During the last year, in the region of country where I am located, there has been an unusual amount of these forms of disease; especially of the first. The Old School men have been unpardonably unsuccessful; their poisons have alarmingly increased the mortality, and hundreds have left the busy and happy scenes of life for the stillness of the tomb and the uncertainties of a veiled future. While the New School men have had good success; the mortality in their practice has been very small.

The causes, symptoms and pathology of these diseases, are presented by all our works on Practice, and any one wishing for that kind of information, can read such books.

The extent of my practice and the simplicity of my therapeutic agents, induce me to make the means I use more generally known; so, if others choose to avail themselves of its advantages in the treatment of these diseases, they can have the privilege.

As soon as I discover that my patient is laboring under either of the above forms of