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OBSERVATIONS ON THE VENEREAL DISEASE, WITH NUMEROUS CASES,

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AMIDST the varied improvements which have marked the progress of Medical Science, during the present century, no one has conferred greater benefit upon mankind, than that which has led to more safe and less empirical principles in the treatment of the Venereal Disease. So far has this influence extended, that many practitioners are led to believe in a change of its specific nature, that its virulence is diminished, and that, howsoever it may be treated, the frightful effects of former days are no longer to be expected; be this as it may, the numbers of martyrs are now comparatively few, and the miserable and disgusting objects which were formerly common, even in the more respectable classes of society, are now but rarely seen; this change, however, may I think with greater propriety be ascribed to the more cautious administration of mercurials, for in this respect all

men are now careful, and some there are who abstain entirely from the internal use of mercury for Primary Syphilis. It has however appeared, that the profession is still in want of facts, whereby in this important particular more precision may yet be attained, which from the peculiar circumstances of the service the Military Surgeon is in a condition to afford, and therefore I do not hesitate to make public, through the medium of the "Montreal Medical Gazette," the result of my practice in the Venereal Disease, during the time I had the honor to serve in the 52d Light Infantry. At this moment is before me a document in which are entered the name of the patient, description of disease, means of treatment, and number of days in Hospital, of every case of Ulcer on the Genitals, occurring in nine years, with a continuous space for corresponding observations on the occasion of secondary disease, and in this way 367 cases are recorded, all of which have been treated strictly without mercury, and secondary disease has occurred in twenty one cases only, the particulars of which are here detailed.

Name.	Date.	Disease.	Treatment.	N of D. in Hos.	Date of Secondary Disease.	Description of Secondary Disease.	Treatment.	N of D. in Hos.	General Observations.
W. P.	Dec. 7, 1831.	Foul ulcer near the frenum, with excoriation of the glans and swelling of the prepuce.	Poultices, black wash, & aperients.	8	Jan. 31, 1832.	Sore throat and papular eruption.	Sarsaparilla & aperients, with bark and acid gargles.	16	In good health till when he died of cholera.
C. W.	Jan. 18, 1832.	Foul ulcer near the frenum.	Caustic, blue stone, and aperients.	22	Mar. 22.	Iritis of both eyes.	Mercury to ptyalism, blisters and belladonna.	54	Once in hospital with fever.
M. S.	Oct. 20.	Simple sore without any inflammation.	Black wash, blue stone, & aperients.	20	Aug. 9, 1833.	Foul spreading ulcer of the Pharynx.	Sarsaparilla, nitro-muriatic acid, baths, and mercurial fumigations.	143	This man having always been very unhealthy discharged the service.
D. D.	Nov. 17.	Foul sore on the prepuce, near the corona glandis.	Caustic, black wash, & aperients.	22	Dec. 22, 1833.	Iritis, pains, sore throat, and papular eruption.	Mercury to ptyalism, and sarsaparilla, with belladonna.	165	Good health since.
J. M'C.	Dec. 12.	A deep sore on the extremity of the glans and another behind the corona glandis.	Caustic, black wash, & aperients.	29	Jan. 18, 1833.	Iritis, sore throat, pains in the limbs. Rupia Fromiensis.	Mercury, nitro-muriatic acid, baths, sarsaparilla, and belladonna.	48	Health good, but testicle become enlarged.
P. P.	Jan. 12, 1833.	Sore on the corona glandis.	Black wash, caustic, and aperients.	16	Apr. 14.	Pain in the knees and shins, papular eruption.	Sarsaparilla.	50	Health good since.
L. H.	July 27.	Foul spreading ulcers at the root of the penis and scrotum.	Caustic, black wash, poultices, & aperients.	42	Jan. 23, 1834.	Foul deep ulceration of the throat, with purple blotches on the face.	Mercurial fumigations, gargles, blue pills, and sarsaparilla.	41	Good health since.
M. M'D.	Nov. 9.	Foul sore on the prepuce.	Caustic, black wash, & aperients.	46	Jan. 23.	Pain in the joints, papular eruption, Iritis.	Mercury, sarsaparilla, blisters, and belladonna.	70	Once in hospital with fever.
C. E.	Sept. 11.	A large sore on the body of the penis.	Poultices, black wash, & aperients.	20	May 6.	Foul spreading ulcer of the fauces.	Blue pill, nitro-muriatic acid, gargles, sarsaparilla, and fumigations.	65	Good health since.

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