

REMARKS BY THE AUTHOR.

We most heartily commend the foregoing authoritative endorsement of our treatment of flushing the colon to the intelligent reader of this pamphlet. The document should be studied, as it is a complete demonstration of the necessity not only of the removal of the deleterious substances which choke up the alimentary canal, but also the elimination of the most baneful impurities from the vital circulation constantly accumulating therein by absorption through the walls of the colon.

Could a person even in normal health be permitted to view with the naked eyes the enormous quantity of fetid matter which is constantly carried about by him within the lower twenty feet of the intestinal canal, all of which might profitably be dispensed with and none of which contains a particle of nutriment or useful substance; he would almost be driven to loathe himself and to marvel that he could survive for a single day surcharged with such a frightful mass of putridity.

No wonder that practical surgeons, familiar as they have been from professional necessity with the dissecting rooms of medical colleges and hospitals, and witnessing as they have the exposure of these abdominal contents, do so readily fall into the rational and absolute importance of the heroic process of flushing the colon, when its practicability is once fairly brought to their attention.

Up to the time of our discovery, now forty-one years ago, it was not considered safe or even possible to inject more than a pint of water into the rectum, and such an idea as forcing such enema above the sigmoid flexure had never entered the conception of the most daring medical practitioner. Hence the astonishment exhibited by such a man as Dr. Willard Parker, of New York, the most learned and distinguished physician in the United States, when our discovery of the possibility and even the ad-