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*An Essay on the Contagion, Infection, Portability, and Communicability of the Asiatic Cholera in its relations to Quarantine; with a brief History of its Origin and Course in Canada, from 1832.*  
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A synopsis of the following Essay was laid before the American Medical Association at its annual meeting, held in Cincinnati, Ohio, in May, 1867.

My chief object in this Essay, is to bring within the reach of the members of the medical profession *authentic data* connected with what must ever be an important epoch in the medical history of this continent; and I have been induced to publish it from the fact that, statements connected with the history and progress of Asiatic Cholera, since its first introduction into Canada, have from time to time found their way into print, and been received as reliable data, many of which were mere fictions, and others exaggerations and misrepresentations. I therefore determined to describe some of the events and scenes in which I have been an active participator, and submit the record of *a living witness*; a kind of evidence that must daily become more valuable and interesting as time rolls on, and we examine such testimony from a greater distance.

To the medical gentlemen, both in this Dominion and in the United States, who have kindly responded to my appeal for facts connected with this subject, I return my most sincere and grateful thanks.