

There can be no doubt, he thought that an efficient Quarantine was of the first importance, and he hoped that late investigations would cause the executive to provide the proper officers, and ample means to insure as strict a supervision as that which has been so successful in New York. The central board should select Physicians and nurses and distribute copies of well-prepared rules to local boards, especially along the route of emigrants to the west, so that infected localities might be strictly isolated.—Of course the hypothesis of contagion is fully admitted by this line of action, and he was inclined to believe with Dr. Watson, that it is at least portable, as proven in the case of "The Franklin" The many striking exceptions may be easily accounted for, from absence of pre-disposition, or lack of susceptibility, this exception he had frequently witnessed in the attendant on those sick with the small-pox.

This susceptibility arises from the same causes in most infectious or contagious diseases such as intemperance, insufficient or unwholesome food, bad ventilation consequently we found Cholera making its most frequent raid, upon the poor living in the confined lanes of large cities. There were a good many other causes given by writers, which to his mind had very little to do with cholera except as by weakening the body, they might excite all diseases, such as irregularity of diet, unripe fruit, exposure to night air and one which seems to be exciting more than usual interest just now as a cause of enteric fever, that is, paludal exhalations and animal effluvia, which are frequent in a great many places at various times, yet do not produce epidemic Cholera every summer, or Typhoid in mid-winter. He had also always looked upon this latter disease as an epidemic arising from a specific poison, propagated by means we cannot explain; not by a tainted atmosphere, but requiring actual contact, and the conditions of impaired health, commonly called predisposition.

In the swamps of Bengal and throughout the thickly populated countries of Asia, the Barbaric mode of life in close and filthy huts, and want of personal cleanliness may change an ordinary type of diarrhoea into a specific or epidemic form of disease. He held to the belief that it is the same disease described by Hippocrates and other ancient writers, but many state its origin in 1817. After a lapse of fifteen years, it made