

upon the molecules of the human system. That fevers should be graded—measured by the intensity of the environment instead of the present local means.” Yellow fever is clearly doomed to early annihilation, since its cause is so lucidly expounded by Dr. W.

The *Lancet* says: “Extract of red cinchona bark has lately been much extolled as a remedy in cases of drunkenness, and the fact of its efficacy seems well authenticated.” Anything really reliable in these untractable subjects would be a great boon. It might be well to try this drug for the cure of these unfortunately only too numerous cases.

ALEXIS ST. MARTIN.—Alexis St. Martin, famous in physiological works for the experiments of Dr. Beaumont, is still alive, and at present a resident of St. Thomas, Joliette county, Province of Quebec, Canada, and is seventy-eight years old. The wound in his stomach has never closed, and at present the opening in his side is nearly an inch in diameter. His general health appears not to have been in any way affected by the curious wound in his side, but has always been excellent. For his age he is now quite strong and hearty. He has been the father of twenty or more children, of whom four are now living. He has always been a hard worker, and never suffered from lack of digestion.

LITHOTRITY.—Sir Henry Thompson reports (*Brit. Medical Journal*, 2nd Aug., 1879) twelve cases in which he has recently removed the entire stone at a single sitting. All cases of less than 80 or 90 grains weight are excluded from the list. Most of the sittings occupied from six to twelve minutes. A thirteenth case is also added, in which, in two sittings of 25 minutes and 13 minutes respectively, he removed a calculus weighing in all 521 grains, or nearly one ounce and one drachm. They all made good recoveries. Sir Henry says: “I have no hesitation in stating that we owe to Professor Bigelow the assurance that so much manipulation is tolerated by the bladder in the process of removing the stone, provided we take it away entirely, or nearly so.”