

# ◇ MEDICAL CRITICISM. ◇

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## FEVER.

A physician of this city gives the following illustration of the nature of fever.—A man rushes along the street, crying "Fire!" The threatened destruction of his property incites him to do so; his strength is the *propelling cause* of the disturbance; the loudness of the alarm will correspond to the strength of his lungs. There are three ways by which the disturbance may be quelled; (1) reduce the man's strength, bleed him, starve him, administer poisons to him; and his cries and excitement will abate by degrees; (2) sustain the system; give him milk and eggs, brandy and quinine, and then tell him to extinguish the fire; (3) lend a hand at once; aid him to remove *the exciting cause* of his trouble, and he will soon recover from the exhaustion entailed by the vigorous exercise of his lungs. The *exciting causes* of fever are as numerous as are the modes of preventing the healthy action of every organ and tissue of the body.

Another illustration the doctor presents in the following form—Floodwood blocks up a watercourse, the water consequently overflows the meadow; the floodwood is *the exciting cause*; the overflow of water results in an inundation; similarly obstructions to the free action of nerves and bloodvessels are *the exciting causes* of fever and inflammation; but the propelling cause of the fever, &c., is the vital force.

## STORIES ANCIENT AND MODERN.

And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp. And Joshua, the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them. And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all Jehovah's people were prophets, and that Jehovah would put his spirit on them.—Num. xi. 27-29.

And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us; and we forbade him, because he followeth not us.—Mark ix. 38.

The Reverend John Wesley, on hearing a complaint of a person having practised the healing art, and effected cures, without having received a diploma, observed that "he who heals is a physician" (What are they who do not heal?)

"Those however who, having been residents in Ontario, and (having) begun their medical studies here, have sought Registration elsewhere, must not expect that by such Registration, nor by having passed any examinations abroad, *however stringent*, that they will be allowed to register and to practise here, and thus evade the examinations established by the Council of the College of Physicians and of Ontario."—*Ontarian Medical Register*.