

fever was practically the treatment which is adopted in Toronto and everywhere else. Disinfection of the bowel either by means of listerine or boric acid, taken internally, or enemata, proved in many cases to be remarkably successful. Another form of treatment was that of starvation. They were starved for seven or eight days. He considered that in some cases it might be dangerous, because a number of men were exhausted when brought in. The medical officer in charge of these cases, and under whose supervision this plan of treatment was carried out, informed Dr. Ryerson that he had fewer deaths than in any other hospital in Bloemfontein. Dysentery: this was another very prevalent disease, and you hear of a great many men affected with this disease when they merely had ordinary diarrhoea. Dr. Ryerson said that during his service as surgeon with the troops engaged in the suppression of the North-West Rebellion in 1885, he had observed the good effect of several drachm doses of listerine in treating camp diarrhoea and dysentery, caused by drinking the alkali water of the plains.—*Sanitarian*, Nov. 1901.

A SYSTEMIC ALTERNATIVE EFFECT.—The following from *Gaillard's Medical Journal*, by Dr. A. H. Ashley, of Boston, Mass., will interest our readers because of the original way in which he expresses his pronounced admiration for something tried, trusted and not found wanting. The letter was written to our old friends, The Antikamnia Chemical Company, and reads as follows:

Gentlemen—Your various combination tablets, as well as antikamnia tablets have been used by me for a number of years, and I can only say that they have uniformly given me the best results. But, my dear sirs, why have you waited so long to give us the very best combination of them all? I, of course, allude to your "laxative antikamnia & quinine tablets."

If there is anything known to the medical profession which will take their place in that class of diseases where one wishes to relieve pain, control the temperature and at the same time produce, by laxation, a systemic alternative effect, it has not been my good fortune to find it. In those cases of severe neuralgia and particularly in ovarian and menstrual pain, where morphine was our only hope (and where, after its administration we had indigestion, bowels bound up, nausea, habit, etc.) you have in Laxative Antikamnia & Quinine Tablets a remedy which will, my experience has taught me, replace morphine and meet all requirements.

I am slow to be carried away by enthusiasm for any drug or combination of drugs, but I freely and voluntarily confess that in these tablets you have given to the profession a remedy so effective and reliable in its action that it offers good excuse (or a mitigating circumstance anyhow) for a little effusion from one who, as a general thing, is not given to gushing.

With my best wishes for your future and many thanks for your elegant preparations, I am sincerely yours,

A. H. ASHLEY, M. D.

THE RIGID OS.—We all know how very trying it is to the physician, to say nothing of the unfortunate patient, who after some hours of suffering from labour pains finds herself tired and greatly exhausted, because of a rigid os.

This condition is so frequently encountered by all obstetricians, and unless relieved, prolongs labor and depletes the vitality of the patient. In these cases H. Marion Sims, M. D. uses Hayden's Viburnum Compound with good success and if this eminent practitioner so readily endorses H. V. C. we have no hesitancy in freely recommending its use in the above condition.