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THE COLD BATH IN TYPHOID FEVER.\*

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I wish to bring before the notice of this Association a method of treatment of typhoid which, so far as I am aware, is but little adopted in this Dominion, and from which I have experienced most gratifying results, during the past fifteen months, in those cases in which I have made use of it,—I refer to the cold bath treatment as advocated and adopted in England by Currie over one hundred years ago, and more recently by several German physicians in their Fatherland, as well as by many English-speaking physicians in various parts of the world.

That this method has been so recommended, I am well aware, is not news to any of you; but as I think it more than probable that you may have shared with me in the opinion that it was a heroic method of treatment, more suitable for the Teutonic race in their native country than for those peoples dwelling on this side of the Atlantic, I thought it might be of interest to relate my experience in its use during the period of time referred to, in private as well as in hospital practice.

I should state that my attention was more particularly directed to it by the enthusiastic manner in which Dr. J. C. Wilson of Philadelphia spoke of it to me, and by the recorded history of the cases I saw there a year ago last May.

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