

for the same reason, showing that the most incongruous shuffle, is considered more honorable than the legal defiance of our claims, though, no doubt, such men inwardly chuckle over their ability to defy, extended to them by *Honorable* Medical Boards, and *Honorable* Legislative Assemblies.—Yet the meanest man in our midst, is not mean enough to openly avow the principles of these *Honorable* Bodies—not mean enough, to openly take advantage of their *magnanimous* legislation. How true it is, that such Bodies are destitute of soul—utterly destitute of conscience—to run, “*full drive*,” against one of the first principles of our moral consciousness—that the employer becomes, from the fact itself, thereby indebted to the employed. Immeasurably more honorable would these bodies now appear, had they imposed their fines and legal penalties on our employers. As they now stand, however, it appears to me, Mr. Editor, that in some cases, at least, these shameful penalties will soon turn to our account, as they justify our requiring a note of hand at the close of our visits, in each case—the mean man will refuse, and we thereby get clear of him at once, who, would otherwise continue to draw upon our time and resources.

B. PATTERSON.

#### INFLAMMATION OF THE BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD.

It is seldom that Water-Cure practitioners, who have charge of establishments, have an opportunity of treating acute diseases. Thinking that a report of acute cases might be interesting and useful to the readers of the Reporter, I send you the following method of treatment adopted in the case stated.

May 6, came Master Albert Reed, who lived a mile from our Cure, to be Hydropathically treated for inflammation of the brain. Age, thirteen years. Pulse one hundred and forty per minute; violent pain in the head and neck, attended with a general burning fever. As the attack was extremely sudden, an attempt

was made to induce perspiration by means of the hot sitz and foot bath taken at the same time. But the patient could not be made to perspire. Resorted immediately to large wet compresses, wet in ice-water, applied to the head and around the neck. Still the symptoms did not in the least abate. Then put him in a deep sitz bath seventy-two degrees, and reduced the temperature gradually while in to sixty; poured cold water slowly and steadily for half an hour on his head, and kept a large towel wet with ice-water around his neck. This treatment continued thirty-five minutes when the pain gave way in the head and he felt great relief. Was then put upon the bed and covered warmly except the head and neck, which were constantly enveloped in ice-cold compresses. Gentle perspiration broke out, and the relief was still greater than when he got out of the bath. After some two hours, in spite of the intense cold to the head and neck, the symptoms returned. The sitz, as before, was used with the same success. Then gave three pints of tepid water as an injection, which was followed by copious evacuations of hardened fæces and a large quantity of tar-like fluid resembling an evacuation produced by calomel.

This gave much relief. Patient soon fell asleep; pain in the head abated, as well as the general fever. Gave him no nourishment that night. The hue of the skin was a dirty yellow. An offensive odor escaped constantly from his person. Slept some during the night; but the cloths about the head and neck were removed once in from three to five minutes all night. So burning was the fever that they would become very hot (though of several thicknesses) in that time. Gave him a general washing bath in the morning. Pain in the head nearly gone. An injection was again given, which produced large evacuations of more healthy bile; which gave much relief from the general fever.

The pulse the second, third, and fourth days, would rise one hundred and thirty-five and one hundred and forty, if the cold applications were omitted half an hour, so intense was the fever.