

instead of disappointment, I have generally had reason to feel satisfaction ; and, therefore, wish to make the same known.

My mode of treatment consists in bathing the affected parts, three or four times a day, in a weak solution of the carbonate of soda. Another excellent external application is common wheaten flour, which can be substituted for the sodaic solution, whenever the latter shall have ceased to produce beneficial effects. I sometimes employ both simultaneously, using the solution during the day time and the flour at night. Soda is also to be administered internally. I dissolve two drachms of the carbonate in eight ounces of water, and of this solution I give from a teaspoonful to a tablespoonful, according to the age of the child, three or four times a day. After the child has taken this quantity, I substitute Fowler's solution of arsenic—half a drachm in four ounces of water ; from a teaspoonful to a desertspoonful, according to the age of the child, twice a day only ; and when this amount is consumed, I resume the sodaic solution ; and so on, alternately, until the cure is complete, which generally happens in a few weeks. Some cases, however, do not yield to this treatment ; this is especially the case where Eczema is complicated with some other affection ; in such, other means must be employed. But my experience is decidedly against having recourse to continued cold applications or debilitating medicines, for, although the eruption can sometimes be made to disappear by such means, yet the internal organs are liable to suffer, especially the lungs.

In conclusion, I beg leave to solicit my medical brethren to make trial of my treatment ; they will find few cases of uncomplicated Eczema that will not yield to it ; and they will have the further satisfaction of knowing that it is a mode of treatment at once simple, and not likely to be productive of any bad consequences.

I am your humble servant,

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WHAT killed Dr. Hodgkin ? Impure water. We wonder that travellers do not carry with them a little bottle of solution of permanganate of potass—a few drops of which would speedily purify any water. A friend of ours, who had just returned from India, tells us that he has derived the greatest benefit from its employment. At stations where the water was turbid, and tasted and smelt of decaying organic matter, he found the addition of a few drops of the solution of the permanganate made it in a few minutes as clear and sweet as spring water.—*Medical Times and Gazette.*