

I confess my incredulity at the time of any superiority of this medicine over those I had taken previously.

I was very restless from a sensation of sinking and severe pain; the stomach, however, for 12 hours previously had been less irritable. In half an hour, after dozing a few minutes, I became suddenly aware of a great change, I could lie quiet, the distressing tenesmus was less, pain in body and limbs less severe, the sensation of sinking was relieved, a glow of warmth was supplanting the cold of threatened collapse, and an inclination to sleep, not experienced before during my illness, was stealing over me. The first thought was amazement at the change, then a faint recollection of a new medicine crossed my mind, and I resigned myself to its influence. I was immediately asleep, and for an hour and a-half had a comfortable and refreshing sleep, unaccompanied, comparatively speaking, with the sensorial disturbance so constant a result of opium and other preparations in my case. When I awoke every symptom was relieved. Seven grains were given once in six hours (being one grain of each) or one grain of opium instead of four or six in the same space of time. I spent the first 24 hours almost wholly in sleep. Calls to rise were still frequent, but the tenesmus less severe, and though I retched a few times, vomiting ceased. In a few days appetite began to return, but having for six or seven years laboured under dyspeptic attacks, nearly, but not strictly periodical, of a severe and intractable form, I thought possibly owing to this circumstance the stools continued more frequent than I could have wished. A few grs. Acet. Plumbi, in addition to Dr. Kerr's remedies, soon set all right in that respect. I may state that before trying the last addition I increased the frequency of Dr. K's medicine to four hours instead of six, when the digitalis (being now six grains daily) produced its powerful sedative, in addition to its diuretic effects, requiring the leaving out for some days that ingredient, to be returned to after some four days, but only half the quantity. I was able to sit up on the 35th day and to walk out on the 40th.

During 12 years practice I never in the treatment of dysentery met with a narcotic to be compared with Dr. K's combination in relieving general irritability, pain, and above all, nausea and vomiting. It produces a wonderful degree of comfort, unattended by sensorial disturbance. From 30 minutes after the first dose was taken, which contained but half a grain of each ingredient, my suffering was comparatively nothing. Little hopes were entertained of my recovery previous to the first dose, but they became sanguine before I had taken the third. I am now quite recovered, and I trust with very considerable improvement in my stomach complaint before mentioned, during the attacks of which