

“To sum up, therefore, in surgery at least there can be no doubt that alcohol will be used less and less often as a remedial agent, partly because scientific investigation has shown the causes of many of the evils it was imagined to counteract, and because, thanks to Sir Joseph Lister, those causes have been got rid of, but also because closer investigation of its effects on the body have exhibited its disadvantages in a stronger light. Such a prospect surely warrants us in feeling a certain sense of congratulation, since of all the drugs that we are acquainted with that has a general or social use as well as a professional one alcohol is the most prominent, and, for the matter of that, the most dangerous.”

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