

tributions of two highly distinguished practitioners in Edinburgh,—Drs. Alison and Reed.

The foregoing conclusions arrived at by eminent men have been transcribed for the purpose of convincing the public how erroneous it is to look upon these dire visitations as a proof of the contagiousness of the disease; an unhappy impression which has led the most affectionate relatives to abandon those dearest to them, to their cruel and certain fate.

Every day adds to my conviction of the correctness of the advice given in the foregoing pages, and I am more than ever positive that the DRUNKARD is the especial subject of attack. *All excesses, of whatever description, are to be avoided.* Late hours and wet weather, stagnant pools and damp localities, are to be carefully shunned.

Adverse as I am to the abuse of alcohol in any shape, I am not blind to the well-established fact, that, as a *remedy* it is sometimes most valuable. It is from this knowledge that I would recommend every family to be provided, in these times, with a bottle of good Brandy, and one also of the *strongest Ginger Syrup*, (to be had at Apothecaries of well established reputation.) When, *during the epidemic*, any one experiences a rumbling in the bowels, or a sensation as of the transfusion of liquid from one part of the belly to another, or if there be a tendency to evacuate, or sickness at the stomach, let a table-spoonful of Brandy with as much Syrup of Ginger be taken immediately, and these unpleasant sensations will be promptly removed, which are the common precursors of an attack. Should these symptoms occur at night, (which most often happens,) the patient should get out of bed and have recourse to a dose from his bottles, after which, returning to bed and covering himself warmly, in the majority of cases, all will soon be well. On the contrary, should the symptoms return, or not yield, the dose should be repeated, and then, with all despatch, a Physician sent for. This in addition, or substitute for the Aromatic Tinctures, already mentioned. I may here mention that Ginger Syrup,