

gives, as the result of 400 cases, a mortality of less than two per cent—all of them treated by means of hot baths “to induce good action of the skin.” Dr. P. J. Hynes¹⁴ sponges the body with warm water and vinegar, and tepid solutions of chloride of lime, under which treatment the patient progresses very favorably.” I might continue my enumeration of many more who entertain the highest opinion of the use of water as a remedial measure in this disease; but your space is limited, and I think enough has already been said, to show that the practice is almost universal, and to demonstrate, strikingly, as well, its extraordinarily beneficial character. As most of the parties instanced, however, are European, and to show that the proceeding is held in much esteem on this side of the Atlantic, I think it best to add, that while attending the clinical lectures of Professors Pancoast, Ludlow,¹⁵ &c., at the Blockley Hospital in Philadelphia, it was frequently inculcated. When Dr. Sweeting in his “Ammonia and Milk” article denounced the application of water to the surface of the body in Scarlatina, I ventured to give my own limited experience in a communication to the *London Lancet*.¹⁶ and the fact that therein a statement in brief is given of the views advanced by Dr. S., must plead my excuse for re-producing it here:

To the Editor of the London Lancet.

SIR,—I notice in your impression of the 11th June a communication from Dr. Sweeting, recommending the treatment of Scarlatina by ammonia and milk. I have no opinion to express regarding the more prominent features of the course suggested by Dr. S., as I have not tested milk and ammonia in any case; but I cannot help expressing no small degree of astonishment at the concluding portion of his article. In adverting to a recommendation of Dr. Walter Fergus, (made some months ago,) rela-

13. “The Treatment of Scarlatina,” (*London Lancet*, vol. 2, 1870, page 318,) by James Adams, M.D.

14. “Arterial Hæmorrhage from Ear, as Sequel to Scarlet Fever,” (*Ibid*, page 431,) by P. J. Hynes, M.D., M.R.C.S. Ed.

15. Manual of Medical Examinations, by J. L. Ludlow, A. M., M. D., Phila., Blanchard & Lea, 1860.

16. “The Treatment of Scalatina,” (*London Lancet*, vol. 2. 1870, page 144,) by J. Muir, M.D.