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A B S T R A C T, &c.

IT is well known that Dr. Graham was most regularly brought up to the profession of Medicine at the justly celebrated University of Edinburgh, and that for many years past he has travelled over most parts of the world, with the view of bringing to perfection this most useful and most honourable art. His new and improved methods of curing the most rooted and most dangerous diseases, consist in regimen, herbs, simple medicines, the choicest articles of the *Materia Medica* and æthereal essences, rendered more salutary and active by the most powerful vital agents in nature; and the great numbers who DAILY by these means are cured radically of the most dangerous and most confirmed diseases, are really astonishing—even after they have been turned incurable out of hospitals, and given over by the most celebrated of those physicians, who are fettered and confined in the regular trammels of the Medical craft or art. Dr. Graham, therefore, for the public good, as well as for his own honour and emolument, THINKS IT HIS DUTY to depart from what is called the regular mode, by thus publicly announcing his intention of practising in this town and neighbourhood, and laying before them the following cures for the information and encouragement of the afflicted.

Fourteen cures in obstinate and severe maladies, especially in the gout, confirmed dead palsies, rheumatisms, &c. which Dr. Graham lately had the high honour of performing immediately under the eye, and of having attested by the hand-writing of the Prince of Hesse-Cassel! the Dukes of Devonshire! Lord and Lady Spencer! &c. &c.

15. Mrs. Catharine Macaulay Graham, the justly celebrated historian (sister to John Sawbridge, Esq; Member of Parliament for the city of London) cured of that variety of symptoms which accompany a relaxed system, and an irritable state of nerves, viz. pains in the stomach, indigestion, trembling of the nerves, shivering fits, repeated pains in her ears and throat, and continual agitations of body and mind, which had reduced a constitution, originally delicate, to an almost insupportable degree of weakness and debility. These complaints had been brought on or increased by a seven years severe application, in writing her invaluable History of England, of which eight volumes in quarto are already published.

To the letter which that lady had the goodness to publish, contain a full account of her late case and cure, addressed to Dr. Graham, is annexed the following Postscript :

“ I am happy, Sir, in being able, from what I have seen, and from what has come to *my certain knowledge*, to congratulate you on the great success which has attended YOUR MEDICINES and peculiar methods of cure in the most desperate stages of consumptive, asthmatic, nervous, bilious, and scorbutic diseases : such instances cannot fail, in spite of the envy and calumny of the Faculty, to establish the reputation of YOUR MEDICINES and medical practice to your own honour and emolument, and to the blessing of mankind in general, in matters of the highest sublunary importance, namely the prolongation of life, and the enjoyment of health.

* * Mrs. Macaulay has lately married Dr. Graham's only brother. At the time of performing so great and so important a cure, and of receiving the letter above alluded to, and which is published at full length, in Dr. Graham's book of the present state of medical practice, Dr. Graham little expected the high honour and happiness of so near an alliance with so great and so amiable a character.

The lady of Sir John Miller, Baronet, of Bath-Easton Villa, near Bath, cured of a rheumatic pain in her face, to which her ladyship had been subject for some years; and likewise of head-aches, colds, and slight sore throats. In the same letter which she had the goodness to send to Dr. Graham, with leave to publish it, her ladyship describes the case and cure of her own French maid, of a complication of disorders, especially of severe nervous complaints, adding, “ I think it, Sir, incumbent on me thus publicly to mention, that, to *my certain knowledge*, you have proved your skill in the cure of three other persons, whose maladies, in many respects, were of a still more dangerous nature.

21. The following letter is from the Rev. Dr. Thomas Wilson, Rector of St. Stephen's, Walbrook, and Senior Prebendary of Westminster Abbey.

To Dr. G R A H A M.

DEAR SIR,

I HAVE no sort of objection to your mentioning in the most public manner the perfect cure you happily performed in my case, by means of YOUR ÆTHEREAL AND OTHER MEDICINES, &c. I had laboured, for many years, under an oppression of the lungs; attended in the spring and fall of the year with a troublesome and tormenting cough. My complaints had baffled the skill of the best physicians in London.—The hot well water at Bristol I had often tried, but to no effect; and the nauseous drugs from the apothecaries shops were so far from giving me ease, that they really increased my sufferings, insomuch that I had great reason to apprehend a CONFIRMED asthma and consumption. It is now, Sir, near twelve months since you cured me, and I have not had the least return of those troublesome and very dangerous complaints,

I am, dear Sir,

Your sincere friend,

Thomas Wilson.

Alfred-house, Bath,
Jan. 5th.

22. G. F. Esq; of Bath, cured of deafness, and of a scorbutic complaint, by a three weeks course of MY MEDICINES, and electricity.

23. The Hon. Mrs. Fairfax at Bath, cured of a severely painful and complicated jaundice, in a few days; and in about six weeks by continuing the medicines, &c. not only the jaundice with all its concomitant symptoms were effectually cured, but even the paralytic cold numbness, low spirits, &c. perfectly removed.

24. A lady of fortune at Bath, well advanced in years, cured of a most excruciating pain in her head, day and night, and almost total blindness, of near a year's standing, occasioned by an operation performed on her eye by the most celebrated oculist in Europe, Baron de W.

25. H. Disney Roebuck, Esq; of the Crescent, Bath, cured of hardness of hearing and noise in his ears, occasioned by a weak irritable relaxed state of his nerves and a scorbutic humour.

26. Mr. Edmund Rack, secretary to the Philosophical Society, and to the Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce, at Bath (recommended by the Rev. Dr. Wilson) cured of a severe asthmatic and consumptive complaint, and of a most troublesome cough of more than seven years standing.

27—8. Mrs Brett of New King's-street, and Mrs. Lambert of the Circus, Bath, both completely cured of deafness, and the most distracting noise in their ears, occasioned by a want of good wax, and by weak relaxed nerves.

29. A respectable young gentleman at Bristol, radically cured of a deep consumption, by the judicious use of my medicines, &c. and the gentle application of the medicated electrical fire.—He is since married, and has got fine children.

N. B. Several of his family had died of consumptions.

30. Mrs. Cox of St. Phillip's Plain, Bristol, cured of an asthma and consumption, when at the point of death, and given over by all the faculty, by the regular and determined use of my balsamic medicines, &c.

31—8. Mrs. Dyer, in Trinity-street, Mr. Harris, millener and Haberdasher in Clare-street, and Mr. Vining, grocer, on the Great Bridge, Bristol, all cured of deafness.

33. Mr. Orchard, baker and confectioner, in Horse-street, Bath, cured of a shortness of breath, and almost continual cough and spitting, with which he had been afflicted near thirty years, by a regular though short course of my wonderfully efficacious medicines. Mr. Orchard can now walk six or eight miles on a stretch, without pain, difficulty, or oppression.

34. A gentleman near Bath, cured of an inveterate scorbutic complaint, under which he had laboured from his infancy, and which had degenerated into an universal leprosy, being covered all over, from head to foot, with white scaly scurf, frightful cracks, and horrid offensive blotches.

35. Mrs. Mary Kelly, of Park-house, near Bath, cured by my excellent medicines, &c. of a dead palsy, complicated with a dropsy, and

alarming consumptive complaints, under which she had long laboured, notwithstanding the endeavours of the most celebrated of the faculty at Bath.

36. Mr. Thomas Nourse, of Shire Hampton, cured of a rheumatic gout, which had brought on a total palsy, and deprived him of the use, and of all motion of his limbs.—Mr. Nourse was cured by me in a few weeks, so that he could walk well without his crutches, and after he had been turned out incurable, and much worse, from the Bath Hospital, after having been a patient in it for more than eight months.

37. Mrs. Mary Bailey, opposite Walcot Church, Bath, completely and lastingly cured of a confirmed black jaundice, dropsy, and asthma, of several years continuance, when at the point of death, after having been dismissed from St. George's Hospital in London, after being in it three months, and from the Bath Hospital, in which she was a patient two months. Her liver was scirrhus, hard as a stone, and swelled to a monstrous degree; and she was covered all over with purple and black blotches.

38. The lady of a captain in the army, perfectly cured, after having been confined to bed, unable to turn for ten weeks, and brought to the point of death after a miscarriage in the sixth month.

39. A noble countess, well advanced in years, cured of a rheumatic gout, of two years standing, which had swelled to a monstrous size, and deprived her ladyship of the use of her hands, arms, and one knee.—This extraordinary cure was performed in five weeks.

40. A Gloucestershire gentleman, a staunch fox-hunter and a hard drinker, radically cured of a confirmed dropsy and black jaundice, occasioned by a long confinement, after having had his collar-bone and several of his ribs broken by a fall from his horse in hunting.

41. A lieutenant in the royal navy, cured of a most dreadful venereal and scorbutic complaint, under which he had laboured four years; after having been several times salivated. The gentleman was covered all over with blotches, had a *fistula in ano*, violent straining, pain and obstruction in making water, and was so weak and emaciated as not to be able to walk or stand without crutches. He was perfectly cured in ten weeks.

42—3. Two other gentlemen in the King's service, recommended by the same officer, were cured, the one of a monstrous swelled —, the size of a pint pot, and of eight months continuance; the other of stoppages in the urethra, from ulcers and strictures of six years duration, occasioned by ill-cured venereal complaints and free living. He could make water but in a very small stream, with frequent desire, and sometimes almost total obstructions,—But were all the cures I have performed in the above and similar cases, and of gleets and weaknesses in both sexes, to be printed, they would occupy many large volumes; and the numbers whom I have had the pleasure of rescuing from wretchedness, from a state worse than death, brought on by imprudence, excesses, or secret venery in early youth are likewise very great.

Great numbers in the course of the last year I have cured of putrid ulcerated fore throats, hoarsenesses, and loss of voice.

44. The daughter of a great personage in Grosvenor Square, aged twelve years, cured of a dreadful scrophulous disorder, of six years standing, after having baffled every thing that could be done for her in Europe.—Her ladyship's throat, neck, arms, and feet were swelled and diseased to a shocking degree, many pieces of bones had come away, and she was pale, weak, and emaciated to a great degree. This most important and unexpected cure was radically performed in four or five months.

The multitude of seemingly miraculous cures which I have performed in scrophulous swellings, stiffnesses, sores, and lameness, in London, as well as in every place where I have practised, is well known to many persons and personages of rank and character in London, Edinburgh, and Bath.

45—6. Two young gentlemen, and an amiable young lady, cured radically of a disorder which was brought on in the lady's case by drinking cold water while hot, after dancing. They were covered all over from head to foot with red blotches, or white scaly powdery scurf, although in all other respects they seemed perfectly well. They were all effectually cured in about two months, and have continued most perfectly well ever since.

The numbers which have been cured of the most confirmed asthma, coughs, consumptions, and of those excruciating diseases, the stone and gravel, are equally astonishing and unprecedented.

47. Mr. William Everson from Gateshead, Newcastle, cured of a dead palsy, which had deprived him of the use of both his arms, &c. and

48. Mr. Monro, a schoolmaster in the same place, cured by my great medicines of a consumption, hoarseness, cough, hectic fevers, &c. after having been under the cure of the principal physicians in Edinburgh, and Newcastle for several months.

49. Mrs. Mary Hay, of Newbiggin, near Morpeth, of a disease in her bladder, under which she had laboured five years, suffering day and night the most excruciating tortures in making water every minute or two. I had the pleasure, the high honour of curing Mrs. Hay in a fortnight, after having been for months in London under the care of Dr. Cooper, man-midwife, and the celebrated surgeon Pott, and after having used in vain opiates, uva ursi, soap, and lixivial medicines, mercury, hemlock, and a three months course of Adams's solvent. See the poetry at the end of this pamphlet.

50. The Rev. Mr. Murray of Newcastle (author of the Sermons to Affes, &c. and of the History of the present American war) cured of the stone by my great medicines, which that learned and ingenious gentleman says in his polite and obliging letter to me, did him more good in one week than Adam's solvent, &c. had done in half a year.

51. The son of a worthy and most respectable farmer, in the north of England, afflicted for six or seven years with a terrible scorbutic or rather leprous eruption all over him, was in the following condition when first brought to me; his skin, from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet, had the appearance of raw flesh, or was covered over with a white powdery scurf; the rawness and foreness was so very great in some places, particularly his neck and shoulders, that he

he could not move his head without turning his whole body, and that with great pain. The glands in his groins and arm pits were swelled to a great degree. The regular faculty were of no service to him. The sea, Harrowgate, upwards of sixty bottles of Mr. Norton's Mercurial drops; a long course too of Mr. Spillbury's, and in short every outward and inward application and medicine, foreign and domestic, that could be thought of, produced not the smallest nor the most transient good effects.

In this pitiable, and indeed hopeless condition, did he apply to me. — Many days did not elapse before his friends observed the most flattering alterations for the better in every respect, by the determined use of my great medicines, in less than a month, his worthy and respectable father, and several who were acquainted with him, came to see him; they scarcely knew him again; he had now recovered his flesh, and a fresh healthy colour and good spirits, and could bear all his cloaths fast about him. The young gentleman was with me only about six weeks; he went home supremely happy, and was, when I last saw him, after having been the half of his life in the above condition) entirely clear, whole, and well *in every respect*, and has continued so ever since.

52. J. L. Esq; a worthy gentleman of distinction and fortune, perfectly cured of a most painful, inconvenient, and dangerous complaints in the urinary organs, under which he had laboured for eleven years, proceeding from ill-cured, or rather neglected, venereal disorders, in a long and impetuous pursuit of pleasure. This gentleman had tried, at different times, the principal physicians and surgeons in England, Scotland, France, and Italy; bougees too, and every thing that could be thought of, without any considerable or lasting benefit. He was completely cured in two months by the peculiar methods I employ in such truly pitiable and most difficult cases.

53. Miss B. George's Square, Edinburgh, a young lady, about eleven years of age, of a delicate constitution, had for about six years been afflicted with glandular obstructions and swellings, and with sores in the upper as well as the lower extremities. Every thing internal and external, which the regular practice of Physic and Surgery could suggest, and a plentiful fortune afford, was tried under the inspection of a very affectionate and intelligent mother; her constitution was attempted to be strengthened and braced, by a proper regimen,—by living for several seasons at the sea-side, and by constantly bathing in that great and mighty element. These means, however, and the best assistances of physick and surgery, produced only temporary and partial good effects. I found her, when I had the honour of being consulted, in a very weak, pale, and languid state. She had the langor, the coldness, and the clayey paleness of death. She had several very large and hard glandular swellings, with a deep blackish sore on the shin-bone of one leg, and several openings in one foot, from all of which, several splinters, and little exfoliations of rotten bones, had at times been thrown out. That foot, too, was so considerably swelled, weak, and painful, as to confine the child to her room, and prevent her from the benefit of walking.

I assured

I assured her worthy and much esteemed parents, that from many similar cases I had cured, — a cure of Miss ———'s case was not improbable. Nor were we at all disappointed in our most sanguine expectations. — For, from the first day my ætherial medicines and applications agreed perfectly well, and produced very sensible and visible good effects. Her appetite, spirits, and looks every day improved, — the swellings decreased; — and the sores healed; — inasmuch that in a few weeks she was able, and actually did walk to the sea-side for air and exercise, and sometimes home again, which is at least three English miles. The young lady, with a degree of good sense, resolution and firmness, seldom found at her age, continued to persevere, with pleasure, about three months in using my æthereal and other medicines, bath, applications, and influences; and obtained under God, a perfect restoration of health and strength in every respect. The swellings are all most perfectly removed; — the sores firmly healed; — and her flesh, spirits, colour and strength, perfectly recovered: — all which a few days ago, I had the honour and sincere pleasure of hearing, continued to improve, without even the shadow of a relapse.

54. Mr. Robert Noble, shoemaker in the Cowgate, Edinburgh, had for several years been afflicted and often reduced to the point of death with an asthmatic and consumptive complaint — by profuse colliquative sweats and diarrhoea's; by violent pain, constant spitting, coughing and difficulty of breathing, he was brought to the last degree of weakness — and for some purpose or other, he had a certificate of his being absolutely incurable from Doctor Cullen and Doctor Monro, who had done their best for him. From the first day he became my patient he found considerable ease; and by continuing my very powerful and very friendly medicines, &c. about six weeks he was most thoroughly cured of all his complaints, and could breathe so easy, that he walked up the long steep hill on which the city stands, without stopping, and without pain; and I heard lately that he is now well in every respect.

55. Mr. William Johnson, of Dundee, who had been turned out of the Royal Infirmary at Edinburgh as incurable, of the stone and gravel, and a disorder of several years continuance in his bladder, was cured by my peculiar methods of treating these dreadful complaints, in a few weeks: He had most excruciating pain after making water, and very frequently a desire, though only a few drops could be forced away; on the least free living violent exercise or motion, he passed great quantities of broken stone, gravel, slime, or blood, with his water: with a constant solicitation, a violent smarting, or dull heavy pain. This astonishing cure was performed in the short space of five or six weeks.

56. A gentleman of family and of very large fortune, near Edinburgh, seventy years of age, had been afflicted for several years with what was called the Stone and Gravel. For more than a year before he did me the honour of sending for me, he had been tormented every few minutes, day and night, with a sudden and irresistible desire to make water; a spoonful generally, and sometimes only a few drops was discharged at once, with the most violent straining, and with the most

most agonizing spasmodic pain. It often, too, came away involuntarily—was generally high coloured, sometimes depositing sandy and gravelly substances, with a bluish oily skim; at other times, a yellowish, red, or brick-dust-coloured matter or sediment.

Lime water, soap, opiates, and all that the most eminent physicians and surgeons in Scotland could do for him, availed but very little. Worn out with constant torture, and despairing of relief, he was pleased to send for me.—He told me that the medical gentlemen he had employed had assured him that his disease was the Stone; and he wanted to know whether I would advise him to undergo the operation of cutting! or whether I could, by my peculiar art, afford him any tolerable relief. I told him, in express contradiction to the faculty, and even to what he himself,—his friends, and a very careful intelligent servant who constantly attended him, believed, that his disorder was not alone the Stone; but that it was a severe gravelly complaint, complicated with a paralytic weakness of the neck of the bladder;—and, moreover, that the whole substance of the bladder was spongy or honeycomb like, thickened and full of matter; and that the internal surface, especially about the sphincter muscle, or neck of the bladder, was in a raw, inflammatory, and extremely irritable state. I therefore smiled at the idea, and dissuaded him from all thoughts of the operation; telling him, that if I might presume on my success in similar cases, I might promise him considerable relief. During this conversation, I was a witness repeatedly of the agony, and intolerable torture he endured, in straining to make water. In so dismal and hopeless a situation, it will easily be believed that the gentleman eagerly consented to submit to whatever I recommended. He immediately did me the honour of becoming my patient; and complied with all my directions: in less than a week, he himself, and his very attentive servant, were fully persuaded that I was right in the account I had given of his disorder; for the gravelly substances were dissolved and discharged, and a considerable quantity of the matter that I had described, which my most powerful medicines and applications had brought away, was sent in to me for my inspection at my house in Edinburgh.—The water he made was every day less red and muddy, in a large quantity, discharged seldom, and with less and less pain—the raw, inflamed, and extremely irritable state of the bladder went speedily off; the spongy ulcerated texture of the bladder collapsed and healed: the paralytic spasms were removed; and the healthy tone and retentive firmness of the urinary organs recovered;—inasmuch, that in two or three weeks from the time he was pleased to commit himself to my care, he was able to bear the motion of his coach, and came frequently with joy and pleasure from his seat, which is several miles from Edinburgh, to take the medicines at my own house—making water without pain, of a healthy colour, in proportional quantities, and at proper periods of time.

This very extraordinary and most important cure was performed in the month of September last, and at the writing of this sketch, June the fourth, I have not heard of any return of that dreadful and most painful of all disorders.

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