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Title pages

OBSERVATIONS
ON
FEVERS,

ESPECIALLY
THOSE OF THE CONTINUED TYPE;
AND ON THE
SCARLET FEVER
ATTENDED WITH
ULCERATED SORE-THROAT,

As it appeared at NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE in
the year 1778:

TOGETHER WITH

A comparative View of THAT EPIDEMIC with
the SCARLET FEVER as described by Authors,
and the ANGINA MALIGNA.

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L O N D O N :

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MDCCLXXX.

OF THE SUCCESS OF THE PRACTICE
WHICH HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED IN
CONTINUED FEVERS.

ALTHOUGH, from the cases which have been already related, some judgment may be formed of the great efficacy of the method of cure which has been recommended in Continued Fevers, yet, in order to determine its success from the result of general practice, it will be proper to give an account of the proportional number of patients who recovered, to those who died. In doing this, I shall confine myself to the cases of fevers which came under my care at the Dispensary; not that the success has been greater than in private practice, but merely because the numbers who are admitted to the benefits of a public charity, and the event of the diseases, whether in re-

covery or death, can be ascertained with greater precision.

Since the first establishment of the Newcastle Dispensary, an accurate register of the names, ages, diseases of the patients, and the event of their cases have been kept: the letters of recommendation are also carefully preserved, containing a short account of the symptoms of each distemper from day to day, and the effects of the medicines employed. By the records of the charity it appears, that *two hundred and three* patients, labouring under Continued Fevers, have come under my care, from the 1st of October, 1777, to the 1st of October, 1779; of whom *one hundred and ninety-six* have been discharged perfectly cured; *six* died; and *one* was dismissed for being irregular.

T A B L E I.

A GENERAL RETURN of the Patients admitted to the Newcastle Dispensary, under the Author's care, from its commencement, October 1st, 1777, to October 1st, 1779.

DISEASES.	Admitted	Cured	Relieved	Went to the Infirmary	Irregular	Incurable	Dead
<i>Cl. I. Febrile Diseases.</i>							
Intermittent Fevers	11	8		2	1		
Continued Fevers	203	196			1		6
Small-pox	30	23			1		6
Measles	27	25					2
Scarlet Fever and Ulcerated Sore-Throat	95	81			1		13
Erysipelas	7	7					
External Inflammations	10	10					
Quinfey	8	8					
Catarrh	3	2	1				
Hoopingcough	3	2					1
Pleurisy & Peripneumony	43	38					5
Phthisis Pulmonalis; & Hæclic Fever	27	12	13	1	1		
Inflammation of the Liver	4	4					
Nephritis; and Gravel	9	6	3				
Rheumatism	45	40	2	2	1		
Dentition with Fever	10	9					1
Hæmoptoe; vomiting, & Purging of Blood	6	5					1
Uterine Hæmorrhage	6	6					
Cholera Morbus	5	5					
Dysentery	34	28	2		2		2
Carried over	586	515	21	5	8		37

Brought over	586	515	21	5	8	37
<i>Cl. II. Nervous Diseases.</i>						
Apoplexy	1					1
Palsy	4	1	1	1	1	
Stomach-Complaints	16	10	4	1	1	
Convulsions	6	4	1			1
Epilepsy	3	2	1			
A singular Spasmodic Disease	1					1
Asthma	28	16	9	1	1	1
Colic	24	23				1
Hysterics	14	8	5		1	
Melancholy	1	1				
Periodic Head-ach	3	1	2			
<i>Cl. III. Cachexies.</i>						
Anasarca; and Ascites	14	11	1		1	1
Hydrops Pectoris	1					1
Hydrocephalus internus	4	1				3
Scrophula	5	4	1			
Herpes	2	2				
Lues Venerea	7	6			1	
Jaundice	4	2	1			1
Worms	8	8				
<i>Cl. IV. Local Diseases.</i>						
Incontinence of Urine	2	1			1	
Suppression of the Menfes	3	2			1	
Scirrhus of the Gullet } —of the Liver }	2	1	1			
Cancer of the Eye—the } Uterus—and Bladder }	3			1		1
Opacity of the Eyes	1		1			
Total	743	619	49	9	16	48

T A B L E II.

The DISEASES of the Patients admitted each Month to the Dispensary, under the Author's care, from Oct. 1st, 1777, to Oct. 1st, 1779.

DISEASES.	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Total
<i>Cl. I. Febrile Diseases.</i>													
Intermittent Fevers	1	3	1		1	3						2	11
Continued Fevers	24	23	27	32	15	11	5	8	5	8	11	34	203
Small-pox		3	3	5	6	2			2	3	3	3	30
Measles				1	12	8	2	3				1	27
Scarlet Fever and Ul- cerated Sore-Throat }	26	6	11	1	1	4	1		11	5	12	17	95
Erysipelas	1	1	2					1			2		7
External Inflammation				1	3	1	2	2	1	1			11
Quinsy			2	2			2	1		1			8
Catarrh		1		1	1								3
Hoopingcough			2	1									3
Pleurisy & Peripneumon.	3	4	2	5	3	5	6	7		2	2	4	43
Phthisis Pulmonalis ; } and Hætic Fever }	3	2		4	2	2	2	3	2	1	3	3	27
Inflammation of the Liver		1			2							1	4
Nephritis ; and Gravel				2	2	1	2		1		1		9
Rheumatism		7	5	6	5	3	3	1	3	8	1	3	45
Dentition with Fever	1	1				1	2		1		1	3	10
Hæmoptoe ; vomiting, } & Purgings of Blood }	1		1						1			3	6
Uterine Hæmorrhage							2	1	1			1	5
Cholera Morbus							1				4		5
Dysentery		6	2	1	6	3	4	1	2	1	3	5	34
Carried over	60	58	58	62	44	50	39	27	34	30	45	79	586

DISEASES.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Total
Brought over	60	58	58	62	44	50	39	27	33	30	45	79	585
<i>Cl. II. Nervous Diseases.</i>													
Apoplexy											1		1
Palsy					1		2	1					4
Stomach-Complaints			2		2	2	3	3	1	1		2	16
Convulsions		1				1					3	1	6
Epilepsy				1	1		1						3
A singular Spasmodic Disease }									1				1
Asthma	1	2	3	8	2	1	4	3	1		2	1	28
Colic	1	4	4	1	1	2	3		3		2	3	24
Hysterics	2		2	1	1		1		2	1	2	2	14
Melancholy							1						1
Periodic Head-ach							1	1	1				3
<i>Cl. III. Cachexies.</i>													
Anasarca; and Ascites	3	1		1	1	2		1	1	1		3	14
Hydrops Pectoris												1	1
Hydrocephalus Internus					1	2	1						4
Scrophula		1					2	1				1	5
Herpes								1	1				2
Lues Venerea	1		2			2					1	1	7
Jaundice					1	1		1		1			4
Worms		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1			8
<i>Cl. IV. Local Diseases.</i>													
Incontinence of Urine				1		1							2
Suppression of the Menfes		2					1		1				4
Scirrhus of the Gullet } —of the Liver }									1		1		2
Cancer of the Eye—the Uterus—and Bladder							1		1	1			3
Opacity of the Eyes									1				1
Total	68	70	72	76	55	66	61	40	48	36	57	94	743

TABLE III. The NUMBER of MALES and FEMALES labouring under each Disease, in the several Divisions of Life.

DISEASES.		Un-der	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	Males	Fem.	Total
		1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80			
<i>Cl. I. Febrile Diseases.</i>																		
Intermittent Fevers	{ Males						1		1		1	4				7		11
	{ Females									1	2	1				4		11
Continued Fevers	{ Males	1	4	7	8	6	28	7	4	7	12	5	3	2		94		203
	{ Females	7	1	3	3	20	9	10	20	12	15	7	2			100		203
Small-pox	{ Males	4	3	1	1	2										11		30
	{ Females	3	3	6	1	2	1			1						19		30
Measles	{ Males	1	3	4	1	6				1						16		27
	{ Females	1	2	3	1	2	2									11		27
Scarlet Fever and Ulcerated Sore-Throat	{ Males	4	5	6	5	9	6	1	2							43		95
	{ Females		9	3	6	1	13	7	3	8	1	1				42		95
Erysipelas	{ Male					1		1		1		1				1		7
	{ Females												1	2		6		7
External Inflammations	{ Males				1	1				1	1	1	1			3		10
	{ Females					2		1		1	1	1	1			7		10
Quincy	{ Males				1					2		2				5		8
	{ Females				1						1	1				3		8
Catarrh	Males									1	1		1		3		3	

		1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	Males	Fem.	Total
Hooping-cough	Males		1		1	1										3		3
Pleurisy & Peripneumony	{ Males					2			2	6	7	6	4	8	1	34		43
	{ Females								1	1	2	3	1	1		9		43
Phthisis Pulmonalis; & Hectic Fever	{ Males							1	1	1	3	3	1	1		9		27
	{ Females					1	2		8	2	5					18		27
Inflammation of the Liver	{ Males									1		2				3		4
	{ Female											1				1		4
Nephritis; and Gravel	{ Males									1	1		1	2	1	4		9
	{ Females												2			5		9
Rheumatism	{ Males						1	2	1	6	2	9	1	1		23		45
	{ Females							3	5	5	2	2	3	2		22		45
Dentition with Fever	{ Males	5	3	1												9		10
	{ Female	1														1		10
Hæmoptoe; vomiting, and Purging of Blood	{ Males									1		1		1		3		6
	{ Females									1		2				3		6
Uterine Hemorrhage									1	3		1	1			6		6
Cholera Morbus	{ Males									1			2			3		5
	{ Females										1	1				2		5
Dysentery	{ Males	3			1	3	2		1	2	3		4			19		34
	{ Females						2		3	1	5	2	2			15		34
Carried over		23	40	32	29	22	91	40	28	78	64	63	41	30	5	293	293	586

DISEASES.		Un-der	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	Males	Fem.	Total
		1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80			
Brought over																		
<i>Cl. II. Nervous Diseases.</i>																		
Apoplexy	Male													1		1		1
Palsy	{ Males						1								1	2		4
	{ Females		1											1		2		4
Stomach-Complaints	{ Males									2		2	1			5		16
	{ Females							1		1	3	4	2			11		16
Convulsions	Males	1	3						2							6		6
Epilepsy	Males					1	1			1						3		3
A singular Spasmodic Disease	Female									1						1		1
Asthma	{ Males										2		4	4	3	9		28
	{ Females										2	8	4	2	3	19		28
Colic	{ Males			1		1				2	2	2	2	1		11		24
	{ Females									1	9		3	2		13		24
Hysterics	Females								1	5	2	3	3			14		14
Melancholy	Female										1					1		1
Periodic Head-ach	Females									2						3		3

Cl. III. Cachexies.		1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	M.	Te.	To.	
Anasarca; and Ascites	Males									1		3	4	2		9		14	
	Females			1						1		1	2				5	14	
Hydrops Pectoris	Female							1									1	1	
Hydrocephalus interous	Males	1														2		4	
	Females			1				1									2	4	
Scrophula	Males						3				1					4		5	
	Female						1										1	5	
Herpes	Females	1															2	2	
Lues Venerea	Males		1								1	2				2		7	
	Females									1	2	2					5	7	
Jaundice	Male												1			1		4	
	Females									1	1		1				3	4	
Worms	Males		1	1		1	1	1								4		8	
	Females				1		1	1	1								4	8	
Cl. IV. Local Diseases.																			
Incontinence of Urine	Males														1	1	2	2	
Suppression of the Menfes									3								3	3	
Scirrhus of the Gullet--of the Liver.	Females											1	1				2	2	
Cancer of the Eye--the Uterus --and Bladder	Males																	3	
	Females									1			2					3	
Opacity of the Eyes	Male										1						1	1	
Total		26	26	37	30	24	101	44	35	97	91	87	68	43	14	355	388	743	

T A B L E IV.

Containing a particular Account of the
Diseases, Sex, &c. of those who died
under the Author's care.

Months	DISEASES.	No	Sex	Age	Day of Disease admitted	Day of Disease Died
	<i>Febrile Diseases.</i>					
Nov.	Continued Fever	1	Wife	55	3	17
Nov.	Continued Fever	1	Batchelor	35	5	17
May	Continued Fever	1	Husband	53	6	12
Sept.	Continued Fever	1	Widow	55	5	8
Jan.	Continued Fever	1	Wife	22	10	11
March	Continued Fever	1	Girl	9	6	18
Feb.	Small-pox	1	Boy	9	14	30
Feb.	Small-pox	1	Girl	4	9	16
August	Small-pox	1	Boy	3	15	18
Sept.	Small-pox	1	Boy	1	2	7
Dec.	Small-pox	1	Boy	2½	4	7
Dec.	Small-pox	1	Boy	2	14	14
March	Measles	1	Girl	2	10	11
June	Measles	1	Boy	3	9	13
Sept.	Scarlet Fever & Ulcerated Sore-Throat	1	Boy	4	3	13
Oct.	Scarlet Fever, &c.	1	Boy	6	3	5
Sept.	Scarlet Fever, &c.	1	Girl	7	3	6
Oct.	Scarlet Fever, &c.	1	Girl	8	6	7
Oct.	Scarlet Fever, &c.	1	Boy	2	7	9
Nov.	Scarlet Fever, &c.	1	Girl	2	14	16
March	Scarlet Fever, &c.	1	Boy	3	8	9
Oct.	Scarlet Fever, &c.	1	Girl	15m.	9	19
June	Scarlet Fever, &c.	1	Boy	2 y.	5	15
Sept.	Scarlet Fever, &c.	1	Boy	2	10	19
Sept.	Scarlet Fever, &c.	1	Girl	8	22	39
August	Scarlet Fever, &c.	1	Boy	2½	14	19
August	Scarlet Fever, &c.	1	Girl	2	22	22
July	Pleurisy	1	Husband	64	4	6
August	Pleurisy	1	Husband	45	6	10
Oct.	Pleurisy	1	Husband	50	8	17
March	Pleurisy	1	Husband	60	14	18
Nov.	Pleurisy	1	Wife	32	8	11
Jan.	Hooping-cough	1	Boy	3½	14	18
Oct.	Dysentery	1	Wife	63	10	44
Sept.	Dysentery	1	Husband	48	12	18
	Carried over	35				

Months	DISEASES.	No.	Sex	Age	Day of Disease admitted	Day of Disease Died
	Brought over <i>Febrile Diseases.</i>	35				
Oct.	Vomiting and Purging of Blood	1	Husband	60	14	18
June	Teething with Fever and Diarrhoea	1	Boy	2		
	<i>Nervous Diseases</i>					
Oct.	Asthma	1	Widower	70		
Sept.	Apoplexy	1	Husband	59		
Oct.	Convulsions	1	Boy	6m.	4	10
Nov.	Colic f. Rupture	1	Wife	40	3	8
July	Spasmodic Disease	1	Wife	26	21	30
	<i>Cachexies.</i>					
June	Afcites	1	Maiden	48		
Oct.	Hydrops Pectoris	1	Maiden	13		
April	Hydrocephalus internus	1	Girl	9		
March	Hydrocephalus internus	1	Girl	2½		
Feb.	Hydrocephalus internus	1	Boy	2½		
	<i>Local Disease.</i>					
May	Cancer of the Bladder	1	Maiden	58		
	Total	48				

DEATHS in each SEASON.

October, November, December	17
January, February, March	10
April, May, June	7
July, August, September	14
	—
	48

Of whom were, Males under ten years	17
Females under ten years	11
Batchelors	1
Husbands	8
Widowers	1
Maidens	3
Wives	6
Widows	1
	—
Total	48

T A B L E V.

DEATHS at the Dispensary in each season from 1777 to 1779.	BURIALS, as registered in the parish churches from 1777 to 1779.
October 10 } November 9 } 30 December 11 }	October 61 } November 87 } 231 December 83 }
January 10 } February 11 } 33 March 12 }	January 86 } February 63 } 230 March 81 }
April 13 } May 8 } 30 June 9 }	April 84 } May 97 } 264 June 83 }
July 8 } August 11 } 31 September 12 }	July 75 } August 67 } 250 September 108 }
Total 124	Total 975

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