

ELECTRICAL TREATMENT OF DISEASES.

BY S. W. BECKWITH.

During more than a hundred years, since the year 1744, when a German physician, named Kratzenstein, reported that he had cured a case of paralysis of a finger by sparks drawn from a common electrical machine, intelligent men have zealously sought the way (which they conjectured did exist), to cure diseases through the agency of Electricity. Every few years some new facts were added to those previously known, and although no one of them alone seemed to be important, in the aggregate they led men of more than ordinary knowledge and mental power to make discoveries in connection with Electric force, until the numerous and various facts were systematically arranged and constituted Electric Science. In Germany, France, Italy and England, as well as in the United States, while philosophers were investigating the source or cause of electric force and the laws which govern it, others were busy in devising machines to render it available in the treatment of diseases, especially those which involve disorder of the nerve-power, as palsies. The manifestations of nerve-force are, in the opinion of some, so analogous to the manifestations of the electric force, that many were prepared to admit that the human organism is itself intrinsically, in its material constitution, merely a wonderfully complex electro-galvanic machine, in which tissues of different composition and density react on each other through the medium of the blood, and produce nervous or electrical manifestations, very much in the same manner as different metals through the medium of acid or saline solutions react on each other to produce galvanic electricity. Then, the idea was added that through the agency of nervous force thus generated all corporeal functions

are carried on, until the organism breaks down through disturbance of the balance between the various parts, or the total destruction of some function essential to life, when the soul separates from the body.

Many were the fruitless efforts made to control and direct electro-galvanic force in restoring equilibrium to the disturbed or disordered nerves; and also many were the surprising restorations to health through this agency. But as knowledge of the laws which govern the various and many functions of the body was increased, the application of Electricity in the treatment of disease became more apparent and more and more certain.

In skillful hands the electric current has become a searching investigator, which speedily determines the seat of disordered action in the body, and then is at once converted into an instrument for its correction. But only in skillful or instructed hands is the efficacy of electric force made apparent in this sense. One who has not studied carefully, and long practiced the various modes of applying the currents, so that they shall be precisely adapted to the condition under examination, will simply inflict pain and loss of time without any advantage, whatever he may hope or promise to achieve.

The application of Electricity in the treatment of diseases, needs time and a certain degree of manipulating skill, which special study and familiarity with the apparatus only can impart. Medical practitioners, largely engaged in business, cannot give sufficient time to apply electricity, although drilled in the use of the machine, even if it could be conveniently borne from house to house. But, such cases as may have failed to be relieved by the customary prescription, and become eligible, in their judgment, for electric treatment, will be better served, (it is submitted,) by one who devotes himself to the manipulation of the electro-galvanic and galvanic apparatus alone in their applications to the cure of disease, than by the practitioner who has had little or no experience in the use of these forces. In other words, the administration of Electricity is an art in itself as distinct from the practice or

prescribing of medicine, as the preparation of drugs for administration to the sick by chemists and apothecaries. The undersigned will be pleased to administer Electricity in all its various forms for medical purposes to such patients as practitioners may do him the honor to confide to his electrical manipulation, administering either *induced* or *direct* currents, as the physician may prescribe.

The treatment of diseases through the agency of electric forces, is not based on fallacious pretensions, nor is it put forth to cajole the afflicted to part with money without expectation or hope of returning, in services, an equivalent for it. It rests on experiment and careful observation by philosophical minds of the highest order both in Europe and this country. It is now recognized among the established means employed by scientific physicians of the highest reputation.* When properly applied no inconvenience or pain accompanies its use,

* See, A Treatise on Therapeutics and Pharmacology. By George B. Wood, M.D., President of the College of Physicians, of Philadelphia, Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine in the University of Pennsylvania, &c., &c. Philadelphia, 1856.

Also, General Therapeutics and Materia Medica, adapted for a medical textbook. By Robley Dunglison, M.D., Professor of Institutes of Medicine, &c., in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. 2 vols. Philadelphia, 1843.

Also, The Elements of Materia Medica and Therapeutics. By Jonathan Pereira, M.D., F.R.S., L.S. Third American edition, enlarged and improved by the author. Including notices of most of the medicinal substances in use in the civilized world, and forming an encyclopedia of materia medica. Edited by Joseph Carson, M.D., Professor of Materia Medica and Pharmacy in the University of Pennsylvania, Fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, etc. Philadelphia, 1857.

Electricity as a remedial agent is fully described in the first volume.

Also, Therapeutics and Materia Medica. A systematic treatise on the action and uses of medicinal agents, including their description and history. By Alfred Stillé, M.D., late Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine in the Medical Department of Pennsylvania College, &c., &c. Philadelphia, 1860.

In this work the subject is ably presented.

Also, A Treatise on Medical Electricity, theoretical and practical, and its use in the treatment of paralysis, neuralgia, and other diseases. By J. Althaus, M.D. Philadelphia, 1860.

Many other works might be referred to, to sustain the statement that electricity is regarded as an established means of curing many diseases. This fact seems to be overlooked by a great majority of medical practitioners as well as by the public generally.

nor is there a case recorded of any evil or disastrous effect resulting from it. But, on the contrary, very many patients, who have been abandoned to their fate by physicians who had no knowledge of the wonderful powers of electricity to modify the condition of the nervous system, without the agency of which system no vital function is performed, have been saved from death and restored to vigorous health, to the amazement of medical men and other witnesses.

Recently, M. Nélaton, a distinguished teacher of Surgery in Paris, read to the Academy of Sciences an essay on the mode of destroying tumors by Electricity, according to a method first proposed by Dr. Tiniselli, an Italian, and related how he had destroyed a polypus in the nose by six applications, without inflicting any suffering on the patient. In our hands very many such benign morbid growths have been removed by similar means; and very many malignant tumors, described under the terms bleeding cancer, soft cancer, and hard cancer, have been promptly and radically cured.

The malignancy of Cancer in all its various forms is well known, and no scientific surgeon regards it other than as a most afflicting and dreadful malady. Yet, under a proper administration of Electricity it is forced to disappear, but it has never yielded to any other means. We refer to many who can testify to the truth of this assertion.*

Scirrhus or Hard Cancer, may be known from other swellings by the strange hardness of the tumor, by its lancinating or darting pain, and also by the cancerous habit of body, known by the patient being languid and emaciated, with a leaden or wan complexion and a bad digestion. This form of disease rarely shows itself before thirty. It attacks the female breast and uterus, and also the testes of the male; and in either sex it may occur in the skin, stomach and liver.

Soft Cancer, Bloody Cancer, Fungus Hæmatodes, Encepha-

* See page 307, *New Remedies: with formulæ for their administration.* By Robley Dunglison, M.D., Professor of the Institutes of Medicine, &c., in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. Sixth edition. Philadelphia, 1851.

loid disease are various terms applied to a disease which commences as a *soft*, rounded, elastic Tumor, free from severe pain, and is attached to the surrounding parts with which it is blended at its circumference. It grows rapidly and is full of blood, so that the skin covering it soon becomes purple, and the veins around it full and tortuous. After a time, throbbing pain is felt, but not nearly so severe as that of scirrhus. The tumor points and ulcerates, discharging a bloody fluid, and a fungus, which grows rapidly, shoots up from the opening, and from its surface a fluid is poured out, which is sometimes serum slightly stained with blood and pus, or sometimes blood itself in large quantities. Generally after the removal of scirrhus by the knife, this kind of disease shows itself. It may be known from scirrhus by the absence of hardness and darting pain, by its quicker growth and larger size, by its being more full of blood, and more inclined to bleed, and by its attacking persons of all ages.

All forms of Cancer may be successfully treated by Electricity. We have specimens of large growth brought away by our peculiar manner of operating, by Electricity, without the aid of the knife, ligatures, or any other means, which can be seen by those interested. See, also, certificates of cures by us.

Indolent swellings and scrofulous enlargement of the glands of the neck are dissipated by the same agency.

Fistula is a long narrow channel which has been left unhealed after the formation of an abscess. Fistula in Ano and Fistula in Perineo are of this kind. They are curable by Electric treatment.

Diabetes, or an immoderate flow of urine, which may be limpid, or sweet-tasting, containing sugar, sometimes in large proportion. Diabetes is attended with emaciation and general prostration of strength both bodily and mental, together with other symptoms of constitutional derangement. See certificates in another part of this pamphlet.

For the benefit of those proposing to undertake Electrical treatment, we give the following list of diseases most common to our practice, in all of which we are very successful. Those

afflicted with diseases not here given, by application at our office or communicating by letter, stating the case fully, will receive a candid reply. Consultation free.

1. *Diseases of the Brain and Nervous System.*—Epilepsy, Chorea or St. Vitus' Dance, Paralysis (Hemiplegia and Paraplegia), Neuralgia, Hysteria, Nervousness, Palpitation of the Heart, Lockjaw, &c., &c.

2. *Organs and Tissues connected with the Digestive System.*—Sore Throat, Dyspepsia, Diarrhœa, Dysentery, Obstinate Constipation, Hæmorrhoids or Piles, Biliary, Flatulent, and Painter's Colic, and all affections of the Liver and Spleen.

3. *Respiratory Organs.*—Catarrh, Cough, Influenza, Asthma (when not caused by organic disease of the heart), Bronchitis, Pleurisy, Pleurodynia or Rheumatism of the Chest, Consumption, in the early stages.

4. *Fibrous and Muscular System.*—Rheumatism, Gout, Lumbago, Stiff Neck, Spinal Curvature, Hip Diseases, Cancers, Tumors.

5. *Urinary and Genital Organs.*—Gravel, Diabetes, and Kidney Complaints, Impotence and Seminal Weakness. The latter complaints never fail to yield rapidly to this treatment.

6. *Diseases peculiar to Females.*—Uterine Complaints, involving a mal-position, as Prolapsus, Anteversion, Retroversion, Inflammation, Ulceration, and various other affections of the Womb, and Ovaries, Painful, Suppressed, Scanty or Profuse Menstruation, Leucorrhœa.

Rigidity and contraction of the muscles following acute or chronic rheumatism; ankylosed or stiff joints resulting from inflammations; and even spinal deformities have yielded promptly to this subtle force, as medical records prove; but infallibility is not claimed for this, though more can be said in its favor than for any other remedy described in works on *materia medica*. It succeeds very often after all other means have been industriously but vainly tried.

In his "Treatise on Therapeutics and Pharmacology, or *Materia Medica*," Professor George B. Wood, of the University of Pennsylvania, classes Electricity among the diffusible

stimulants. He speaks of faridisation, that is, the employment of *induced* electricity, in the treatment of palsy of long duration after cerebral hæmorrhage; palsy of the face and tongue; palsy of the spine; palsy from wounds; rheumatic palsy; hysterical palsy; lead palsy; muscular wasting from a general palsy or abatement of nervous power; palsy of the bladder; painful urination; incontinence of urine; impotence; palsy of the rectum; prolapsus or falling of the gut; "obstinate cases of prolapsus in children have been promptly cured by this treatment," says Professor Wood; palsy of the larynx with loss of voice; loss of sensibility of the skin; amaurosis, or blindness from paralysis of the optic nerve; deafness from paralytic condition of the auditory nerve; loss of smell; loss of taste, and stammering, when dependent on debility of the muscles of the tongue; conditions of general relaxation or torpor, as of the muscles; dyspepsia; torpid liver; "constipation, dependent on inertia of the bowels, has often been treated advantageously by electricity;"* amenorrhœa or suspension of menstrual flux; (Dr. Golding Bird, a distinguished London physician, states that he has never known Electricity to fail in exciting menstruation when the uterus was capable of performing that function); a cool, inactive state of the skin; indolent ulcers; neuralgias; excessive cutaneous sensibility; excessive sensibility of the muscles; sciatica, lumbago, pleurodynia, torticolles, especially when of a neuralgic or gouty character; hysteria; epilepsy; chorea, or St. Vitus' dance; spasmodic asthma; and aneurisms. He states that all these various forms of disease have been successfully treated by Electrization, and in many instances, almost as if by enchantment.

Various affections peculiar to women, are successfully managed by Electrization, administered by Mrs. Beckwith, who has had a large experience in hospitals and elsewhere.

Physicians or students desiring to have instruction in the correct application of Electricity for the cure of disease, can apply at the office for terms, &c.

* Professor George B. Wood—Therapeutics.

In conclusion, the reader is respectfully referred to the persons whose names are appended, as they have had an opportunity to judge of the efficacy of Electricity on themselves.

There is scarcely any form of chronic disorder which may not be cured, and therefore all who are afflicted are invited to apply for information to

DR. S. W. BECKWITH,
No. 1220 WALNUT STREET,
Philadelphia.

For the convenience of those desiring information, we give (by permission) a few names of persons among the best business men and others of this city, whom we have treated and cured. Certificates will be found elsewhere to whom application may be made if desired.

REFERENCES.

- HON. J. M. BUTLER, 730 S. Tenth street, Philadelphia.
 J. W. BRADLEY, 66 N. Fourth street, Philadelphia.
 COL. T. W. SWEENEY, Walnut street below Eighth, Philadelphia.
 GEORGE O. EVANS, 418 Arch street, Philadelphia.
 MR. PELOUZE, Chestnut and Third streets, Philadelphia.
 BRIG. GEN. A. J. PLEASANTON, 916 Spruce streets, Philadelphia.
 GEORGE DOUGLASS, Fifth street above Chestnut, Philadelphia.
 M. C. SADLER, 639 Arch street, Philadelphia.
 C. S. EMACK, 433 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.
 CHARLES ROBBINS, 1733 Vine street, Philadelphia.
 A. L. WHITEMAN, corner Third and Market street, Philadelphia.
 WILLIAM ROWBOTHAM, 1326 Front street, Philadelphia.
 J. B. ANDREWS, 913 Pine street, Philadelphia.
 M. ERRICKSON, 1322 Pine street, Philadelphia.
 THOMAS STINSON, 1314 Front street, Philadelphia.
 W. B. SMITH, 1022 Hanover street, Philadelphia.
 GEORGE L. BUZBY, 913 Market street, Philadelphia.
 MR. HARRIS, 1406 Master street, Philadelphia.
 BRIG. GEN. A. PLEASANTON, St. Louis, Mo.
 MR. STARR, Camden, N. J.
 THOMAS GREGG, Vineland, N. J.
 DR. H. P. BAKER, Odessa, Del.

CERTIFICATES.

Rheumatism Cured.

WEST PHILADELPHIA, *August 27, 1864.*

DR. S. W. BECKWITH,—I had been afflicted with Rheumatism since April last, very severely, it extending over the entire body, causing the most excruciating suffering. For several months I was under the best medical care, but grew no better, and finally gave you a call, and placed myself under the care of your wife. In two weeks I was relieved of all pain, and am now perfectly well. I gladly recommend all ladies suffering to her care.

MRS. W. E. ROWAN,
West Philadelphia.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured.

WALNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, *April 30, 1865.*

I have been afflicted with Rheumatic pains for the last ten years, and have been treated for the same with perfect success by Dr. Beckwith.

JOSEPH COLLINS.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured.

PHILADELPHIA, THIRD AND CHESTNUT STREETS, *Nov. 30, 1865.*

I have, for the last thirty-five years, had attacks of Inflammatory Rheumatism. A few days since I was again attacked with the same disease, which threatened me with a two months' confinement to my bed, as it had always done previously, and learning of Dr. Beckwith's Electropathic treatment of diseases applied to him, and in *two applications of ten minutes each* was entirely cured.

LEWIS PELOUZE.

Cancer of the Stomach Cured.

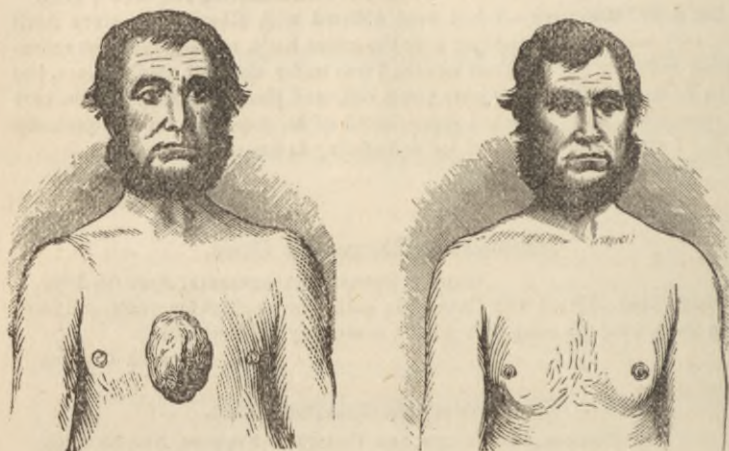
LEWISBURGH, PA., *Oct. 10, 1865.*

About four years since my health began to fail me. I was taken with a distressing dizziness and lightness of the head, ringing of the ears, impaired vision, a great sinking, distressed feeling at the stomach, with pain, which increased to an almost unbearable condition, until finally it was with the greatest difficulty I could raise my head from the pillow, and I really despaired of my life. Medicines gave me some little relief, for a time, but it returned with increased force, and I gave up all hope. At this time my condition was truly pitiable. In the midst of my sufferings I learned of your wonderfully successful mode of applying electricity, through some of your patients, and concluded to try you as a last resort. An Electrical examination led to the belief that it was Cancer of the Stomach. Your frank assurance gave me hope, which two or three applications confirmed into a full belief that you would cure me, and

the result has more than realized my highest anticipations. My dizzy, light painful head, my sick, sinking, deathly feeling at the stomach, with its intensely full feeling, has all disappeared; other pains and aches throughout my system have been entirely removed, and I am now thankful to say that I am perfectly restored to health and a wonder to myself and friends. I most earnestly recommend it to ladies as a most efficient remedy for all their diseases. The treatment has been very gentle, free from shocks or any unpleasant feeling whatever.

Mrs. J. Y. CUMMING,
Lewisburgh, Pa.

Cure of Cancer in Three Weeks.



McDONOUGH P. O., Newcastle Co., Del., Dec. 19, 1865.

About the last week in June, 1865, I observed, for the first time, a tumor over the lower part of my breast bone, about the size of an almond. It increased in size, grew to be purple or dark red, irregular on the surface, which was divided into weals or welts by little furrows. My general health suffered and I lost flesh.

The applications made to it were without avail; and by recommendation of my physician I came to Philadelphia and consulted one of its leading surgeons. He wrote to my physician, advising that no operation should be attempted, and that I should be kept ignorant that I was bearing about with me inevitable death. This I learned some time after it was clear that I was recovering. Under such circumstances, a friend recommended a trial of Electric treatment by Dr. S. W. Beckwith, No. 1220 Walnut street, Philadelphia. The disease was called Bleeding Fungus or Soft Cancer.

On Friday, November 17th, I began to be treated. On that day, the tumor measured four and one-quarter and three and three-quarter inches by three inches in thickness. On the 24th day of November, just one week, the tumor was three-quarters of an inch smaller, the redness was not so deep, and the soreness was almost gone. At the end of the third week, December 8th, the tumor had disappeared, there was merely a slight redness where it had been.

I had gained twenty-five pounds of flesh, was hopeful, and felt as well as I ever did.

Now, December 19, the thirty-second day since the commencement of Electric treatment, I am perfectly relieved and, as I believe, perfectly freed from a malignant disease which, by distinguished medical gentlemen who saw it, was considered to be incurable and fatal.

I am fifty-two years old, reside at McDonough Post Office, in the State of Delaware, and follow the trade of blacksmith.

For the benefit of those who may be afflicted in like manner, I make this statement and authorize its publication. JOHN KIRKPATRICK.

Severe Case of Diabetes.

ODESSA, Delaware, Jan. 11, 1866.

DR. S. W. BECKWITH,—*Dear Sir:* Permit me to express, in this informal manner, my appreciation of your high professional ability as exemplified in your attention to me personally while under your treatment of Electricity. I consider that I have been rescued from the grave by your valuable remedies. I cannot but express my sincere thanks, and assure you of my best wishes for your success. My trouble was an old chronic and complicated mass of diseases, such as liver disease, diabetes, gravel, ulcerated kidneys and bladder, of nearly twenty years' standing. In August, 1846, I was attacked with the bilious fever. I was for several months confined to my bed and room before I could get any relief, but never entirely recovered from the attack. During my sickness was the first I felt of a disorganization of my urinary organs. I was attacked with something like the diabetes; my physician checked it; but immediately followed a difficulty in urinating, which continued to grow worse and worse all the time, notwithstanding I have employed four of the best physicians I could get in the neighborhood, but without the slightest benefit. I was then attacked with the most excruciating pain in my kidneys, then followed the gravel; my suffering became inexpressible; words are entirely inadequate to express what I suffered; not a moment, day or night, had I rest, except when I was asleep, and that only when nature was completely exhausted. At that time, if I took the least exercise, particularly riding, my discharges would be nearly all blood, which was very painful; then followed ulcerations of the kidneys and bladder, with the most awful discharges of mucus and matter during the night and I presume as much during the day, for I had a constant desire to urinate both day and night, attended with the greatest difficulty in the discharge of my urine and with the most intense pain. Finding no relief from our physicians, I then employed a physician in your city but with no better success. I then saw advertisements from physicians both in New York and Philadelphia. I wrote to both of them stating my difficulties and sufferings, but received no encouragement from either of them, supposing they considered my case incurable. I then saw your advertisement in one of the Philadelphia papers. I then applied to you, and oh! had I words to express the gratitude I feel towards you for the great amount of suffering you have relieved me of. I feel that you have snatched me out of the very jaws of death. Notwithstanding my great relief I do not consider myself entirely cured; but could I have continued with you a short time longer, I am satisfied I would have been entirely cured before this. I have no suffering now to note, no discharges of this mucus and matter that I have had for years. I am

so well satisfied with your mode of treatment, and the power and force of Electricity over all kinds of diseases, that as soon as I can arrange my affairs, I will be up for you to make a perfect cure of me.

I remain, dear sir, yours with the highest regard,

JACOB VANDEGRIFT.

Dyspepsia and Nervous Debility Cured.

329 S. JUNIPER STREET, PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 15, 1865.

A number of years since, being very actively engaged in business (manufacturing of cotton goods), my nervous system became very greatly exhausted, followed by various symptoms, each one adding others, until I found a long catalogue of ills, such as great dizziness of the head, reeling sensation upon looking up, severe headache, sick stomach, a morbidly diseased appetite, intense craving for food, costiveness, with great pain and soreness in the stomach, palpitation of the heart so severe that I could hardly get my breath, unusual restlessness of the whole system, especially at night, inability to sleep, continuous coughing for days at a time, numbness of the whole body, with cold, chilling sensations, &c., &c. Such a complication of troubles I considered beyond the cure of man, and my feelings amounted almost to despair at the time of meeting with your advertisement in one of the daily papers. Of course it took years for this complication of diseases to fasten itself upon my system, but it was all the surer for its gradual inroads on my health. I applied to you, and to my utter surprise—and I must say doubt of your ability to master so stubborn a case—you told me you could cure me. I ventured upon the trial. In *one single week* one-half my symptoms left; in *two weeks* I was comparatively well, my nerves strong, appetite regular and healthy, dizziness gone, and now I am a *well* man, strong and hearty, and though fifty years of age, *feel* young in years again.

I can honestly and heartily recommend all dyspeptics, nervous people, or any one troubled with any of my complaints to visit the Doctor, for he can cure any one afflicted with any of my diseases when he can cure me of *all* of them. I can heartily recommend the afflicted to his care. E. McCLAIN.

Consumption Cured.

RICHMOND, September 28, 1864.

This is to certify that about three years ago I was taken with a disease which physicians called Consumption. I had a cough, hoarseness, spit blood, and became very much reduced. Was under the care of five physicians, and have taken a great deal of medicine without relief. In this condition I called at No. 1220 Walnut street. After an electrical examination was pronounced curable, and under the skillful treatment of Dr. Beckwith, am nearly entirely relieved of disease, and expect after a few more treatments, to be entirely restored to health. I recommend all afflicted to go to No. 1220 Walnut street.

SOLOMON MAY.

Obstinate Piles Cured in Three Applications.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25, 1865.

Some time since I had a very severe attack of Hemorrhoids, or Piles, which produced a most intensely agonizing pain and dragging sensation throughout

the whole pelvic region, and especially at the lower extremity of the spine, as though it were dislocating every joint and rending every nerve and muscle of the parts. Night or day I could find no rest, and was nearly distracted with my sufferings. Nothing afforded relief. Finally, after a great deal of suffering, I was urged by my daughter, who was under Mrs. B.'s care, to go to Dr. Beckwith for his peculiarly effective mode of treating such diseases as mine, and to him I applied. He assured me that in ten minutes I would be comparatively free from pain. He fulfilled his promise, for in ten minutes all the depressing, bearing-down pain in my back was gone, and I could walk with perfect freedom. The next morning there was some return of the pain, but he instantly relieved it, and after the *third application* I was *entirely cured*. For the benefit of those afflicted as I was I give this statement. My residence is No. 1327 Front street, Philadelphia, and business the manufacturing of cotton and woolen goods.

WM. ROWBOTHAM.

Nervous Prostration Cured.

LINE LEXINGTON, MONTGOMERY CO., PA., Jan. 13, 1866.

DR. BECKWITH,—*My Dear Sir*: I write to say that now I have been in the country over one year, since, broken down and sick, I left my pastorate in your city. I feel devoutly thankful to God and to you for my wonderfully improved condition. My friends are astonished at the change, no less than myself. I look and feel like a new man. My heart has not pained or troubled me a moment since you gave me my last treatment. I only wish all the suffering knew of your skill and success; and could I do so, I would be glad to proclaim it to the ends of the earth. If any are incredulous send them to me, and I feel sure I can convince them of the wonderful power and virtue of *Electrical treatment* for the thousand ills humanity is heir to.

Your sincere friend and brother in Christ,

N. B. BALDWIN,

Late Pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church, Philadelphia.

Case of Bronchitis, Catarrh, Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Piles and Constipation Cured.

FOX LAKE, WISCONSIN, July 3, 1865.

DR. BECKWITH,—*Dear Sir*: I hardly know how to express, in fitting terms, to you my gratitude and thanks for your restoring me to such perfect health as I now enjoy. For five years past my health has been in a precarious condition, and, especially within the past year, I have been very greatly troubled with Bronchitis, Catarrh, Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Piles and Constipation, the latter especially to an alarming extent, and producing other troubles, which multiplied so greatly that I despaired of ever recovering my health. I had tried medicines and physicians in numbers, and all to no benefit, and when all had been tried and failed I accidentally met with your advertisement in a Philadelphia paper which had strayed to our village in Wisconsin. Your statements bore the impress of candor and truthfulness, and I determined to try once more. The result you know. I am now well and hearty, weighing more than I have done for a long time, and I thank Electricity—and you, as a means of Providence in restoring me. Your mode of treatment is certainly original and scientific, and from all I heard and saw of its effects while with

you must say I never saw its equal, as administered by you, in all the medicines of other physicians combined. Accept my sincere and grateful thanks for my restoration to health, and may you be as successful in all other cases of suffering humanity. With kindest regards, yours truly,

R. J. ROBERTSON.

Case of Dyspepsia, Scrofula, Bronchitis, and Catarrh of Five Years' Standing.

MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., April 6, 1865.

DR. S. W. BECKWITH,—*Dear Sir:* Below I have written you a statement which you are perfectly welcome to use in any manner you may wish.

Very truly yours,

R. A. SEMPLE.

Having been troubled with Dyspepsia for four or five years past, so much so in fact, that I could not eat anything without more or less headache, and being a subject also of Scrofula and a Bronchial affection, with Catarrh, which was slowly but surely undermining my nervous system, and having tried numerous remedies without any relief whatever, finally applied last winter to Dr. B., who, in less than six weeks, by means of Electricity, entirely eradicated Scrofula from my system, and relieved all my symptoms of Dyspepsia, Bronchitis and Catarrh, and I must certainly recommend him to the afflicted.

R. A. SEMPLE,

Mount Holly, Burlington Co., New Jersey.

General Debility of the Nervous System.

PHILADELPHIA, THIRD AND MARKET STREETS, Jan. 15, 1866.

About five years since began a weakening process of body and nervous system generally, causing giddiness of the head, palpitation of the heart, liver complaint, inflamed kidneys, enlargement of the spleen, dyspepsia, lumbago, with various other kindred diseases that follow a general exhaustion of the nervous system. I became emaciated and dispirited, and, finally, after trying various of the best physicians noted for treating such cases as mine, made up my mind that I was becoming a fit subject for consumption. I applied to Dr. Beckwith, when I began immediately to improve in health, strength and spirits, and am now about free from all my old difficulties, effected solely through his system of applying Electricity.

While under his treatment, I saw many wonderful evidences of his success, especially some remarkable cases of Cancer, given up by the best physicians in the city as hopeless, which he cured during my attendance upon him, which alone speaks volumes in favor of his new discoveries. A. L. WHITEMAN.

Absorption of a Tumor weighing eleven pounds.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 20, 1865.

Eight years since I was taken with a severe pain in my right side, which developed itself eventually in the form of an immense tumor, weighing eleven pounds! I became so reduced in strength that I could not walk without dizziness and fainting. Through the painless application of electricity by Mrs. Beckwith, I was entirely relieved of it in a few weeks, it being dissolved by

electrical process. I was at the same time cured of a bronchial difficulty and nervous affection. Under God, she saved my life. FRANCES GOTWALLS,
Teacher in Primary School, Sixteenth street, above Vine, Philadelphia.

GERMANTOWN, Oct. 22, 1864.

DR. S. W. BECKWITH,—This is to certify that I have been suffering from a complication of diseases, which baffled the skill of medical men in Philadelphia and this city.

After suffering great pain and inconvenience from my diseases, and hearing of the many cures performed by you, by means of Electricity, I concluded to place myself under your care, and after having had about eleven Electrical treatments applied by Mrs. Beckwith, am entirely relieved of disease, and restored to my former good health. I recommend your treatment to the diseased. No matter what the complaint may be, go to 1220 Walnut street and be cured.
S. VICKREY.

