

MONTHLY REPORTS.

Cases admitted under the Care of the Surgeon of the Finsbury Dispensary, St. John's Square, Clerkenwell, from July 10, to August 10, 1803.

Phlegmone Artuum - - - - -	2	Gonorrhœa - - - - -	1
Hernia Humoralis - - - - -	1	Hydrarthus Ischii - - - - -	1
Ophthalmia - - - - -	1	Eruptio - - - - -	1
Erysipelas - - - - -	3	Tinea - - - - -	2
Abscessus Axillæ - - - - -	1	Varices - - - - -	2
Mortificationes - - - - -	3	Serophula - - - - -	1
Ulcera Cruris - - - - -	13	Rachitis - - - - -	1
Contusiones - - - - -	6	Steatoma - - - - -	1
Vulnus - - - - -	1		—
Fractura Brachii - - - - -	1	Total -	47
Lues - - - - -	5		—

Nearly about the present season of the last year, during the most intense heat of the summer, I had occasion to observe that the diseases which created most alarm, and which were extremely frequent, were Gangrenes; the same remark pertains to the present season; during the month which this Report includes, there have been several cases of the kind, two of which have arisen spontaneously, have advanced in the most rapid manner, and have every appearance of a fatal termination.

The trivial nature of the origin of these diseases, and their rapid progress, seem to indicate a very peculiarly languid state of corporeal energy; which, in some measure, may be attributed to the excessive heat of the season, acting on constitutions, perhaps, not previously of the soundest stamina, and on persons rather advanced in life.

The subject of the first of these cases is a woman of 60 years of age, of a delicate habit; some weeks since a small pimple appeared under her right breast, which she rubbed off by accident; the edges inflamed and the centre assumed a gangrenous aspect; this centre very speedily enlarged, spreading in every direction. When I first saw it, it was about as large as a half-crown piece; I directed fermenting cataplasms, and internally cinchona and opium; no interruption to the progress of the disease was, however, produced; the integuments and cellular membrane sloughed; and as it continued to separate in the centre, the mortification proceeded along the circumference; the whole of the right breast sloughed away; and at the present time, the extent of the disease is from the axilla upwards to the

groin downward, and from the centre of the sternum and linea alba forward, nearly to the spine, in a posterior direction.

The other case is in an aged man; the disease proceeded from irritation produced by scratching the foot; gangrene commenced, and destroyed nearly the whole of the foot to the ankle-joint; the progress of the disease has however ceased, and a separation has commenced, but in all probability amputation of the limb will be required, as Nature appears sinking, and unable to support the length of exertion requisite to throw off parts of such small degree of vitality as the tendons and ligaments, which occupy so large a part of the foot.

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*Account of Diseases in an Eastern District of London,
from July 20, to August 20, 1803.*

ACUTE DISEASES.		Paralysis - - - - -	2
Scarlatina - - - - -	4	Vertigo - - - - -	2
Scarlatina Anginosa - - -	3	Cephalæa - - - - -	7
Rheumatismus Acutus - - -	5	Hypochondriasis - - -	3
CHRONIC DISEASES.		Hæmorrhoids - - - - -	5
Tussis - - - - -	12	Prolapsus Ani - - - - -	1
Tussis cum Dyspnœa - - -	6	Rheumatismus Chronicus	8
Phthisis Pulmonalis - - -	2	PUERPERAL DISEASES.	
Hydrops Pectoris - - - - -	5	Ephemera - - - - -	4
Dyspepsia - - - - -	8	Dolores Post Partum - - -	6
Enterodynia - - - - -	9	Mastodynia - - - - -	4
Diarrhœa - - - - -	7	INFANTILE DISEASES.	
Ascites - - - - -	3	Ophthalmia - - - - -	2
Anasarca - - - - -	5	Ophthalmia Purulenta - - -	1
Apoplexia - - - - -	1	Apthæ - - - - -	6

During the last few weeks there has been much less disease than has been experienced for a considerable time. The weather has been uncommonly fine, and, whilst we rejoice in it as peculiarly favourable to the different productions of the vegetable kingdom, and highly gratifying to the views of the husbandman, we feel no diminution of this pleasure from the fear of its appearing unfavourable in any other point of view. The animal as well as the vegetable kingdom exhibits signs of health and vigour. Although, however, it has been a season of pretty general health, there have been some instances of disease. Numerous cases