

CURATIVE MESMERISM:

OR,

Animal Magnetism & its Healing Power,

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CHAPTER I.

“ Le Magnétisme guérit quelquefois,
Soulage souvent ;
Console toujours.”

FOR the advancement and honour of the Magnetic Science, for the good of my fellow creatures, and for the service of the scientific world, I think it my duty to publish and add some of my latest cures effected by Animal Magnetism.

For the thirty-three years that I have been engaged in Magnetic Science, my object has been to prove that man possesses a supreme faculty, which constitutes his essence, and that he may transmit this faculty to his fellow creatures. For this object I have given lectures and séances in almost all the great cities of Europe. I have never feared fatigue, convinced that there is a virtue in perseverance which we bring to the work of doing good. If sometimes we feel sadness at witnessing the obstinacy of certain persons who deny Magnetism, or at the ingratitude of others, we are, at other times, well rewarded by the happiness which we feel in relieving or curing sufferers in cases where medicine has proved powerless.

I am assured that Magnetism has a great future before it. The day will come when its curative application will be adopted by all the world.

Among my friends whom I have cured by Magnetism, there are some who, convinced in their own persons of the efficacy of this treatment, magnetise now their own children at the least indisposition, always succeeding in arresting disorder at its onset.

To reap from Magnetism all the advantages which may be derived from it, it must become the medicine of families—that the father and mother should magnetise their children.

Can there exist anything more interesting for man, who is subject to all physical evils, than to find in his friend, his wife, or his child, the power of relieving him, of bringing him back to life by curing him of the illness with which he may be afflicted.

Man is composed of two beings. He who devotes himself from infancy to the development of the physical being under the pretext that he could attain to a perfect growth without giving at the same time attention to the moral development, commits a grievous error; such a one loses sight entirely of the view of Nature who shows us every day that nothing perfect can exist without harmony; harmony can only exist, can only be maintained by the equal development of every part of one whole. We may see an example of this in the habit which we have in making use of one hand rather than the other. We have more strength in one part of our body than the other. The cause of this is not in our organisation, since the small number of those who have contracted the habit of using the left hand, find an incompetency in using the opposite hand.

I think it necessary, before relating cures resulting so victoriously from the beneficent action of Magnetism, to lay down certain principles.

Man is endowed with the faculty of feeling, and with that of acting. He feels, that is to say, he expresses his existence by acts, independent of general laws of nature, and of which the causes reside in his will.

The organs of sensation are the senses, of which the constituent parts are the nerves.

Besides the senses, properly so-called, he also possesses different internal organs, fitted to receive impressions; but the habit of receiving strong impressions through external organs scarcely permits him to distinguish the more delicate impressions of the internal organs; in some particular cases, however, these latter impressions may become sensible.

If the regularity of the internal movements is dis-

turbed by some cause or other, the body is in a state of disorder.

In this latter case, the conservative principle makes incessant efforts to destroy the cause of disorder; if she succeeds in this it effects a cure; in the contrary case, the disorder increases and has no other issue than the total cessation of movement—death.

Magnetism is the art of aiding nature in re-establishing equilibrium in the body; it may succeed in this in two ways, either by strengthening the conservative principle, so as to enable it to subdue the cause of disorder, or by acting upon this cause itself, so that nature has less effort to make than to destroy it.

The healing power of Magnetism appears to have been known to the ancients, and to have become lost by the effect of revolutions; these processes, simple as nature, from which they are derived, constitute Magnetism.

To magnetise is to direct one's thought upon a patient with a persistent will to relieve him; there then results a general movement communicated from the magnetiser to the magnetised, in which the former is principal, and is able to accelerate or to moderate the interior movement of the latter, and consequently to strengthen the conservative principle.

Under Magnetism, all crises are salutary; it prepares for them, it brings them on, and leads them to a happy termination.

Among the curative crises evolved, the most remarkable of all is that called somnambulism. In this crises, the external senses are then alone impregnated with the principle of feeling, and receiving a great development, an extraordinary instinct exhibits itself in the patient, who then acquires a knowledge of his interior, and of the remedies suitable to his disorder; sometimes even his senses become so delicate as to enable him to perceive the morbid causes and their remedies.

To magnetise, that is to say, to open one's heart to the sweet impulse of benevolence, requires the same sentiment in return from the person who is magnetised, *i.e.*, gratitude. The process which I employ is of the greatest simplicity.

I isolate myself as much as I possibly can. I neither see nor hear anything that is passing around me; I make a mental prayer that God may bless and aid my efforts. My thoughts once fixed, my will is firm, I magnetise. An invocation so sincere by pure intents cannot but succeed.

The persons whom I have had the happiness to cure have never been magnetised for sleep.

Persons are sent to sleep only when operations must be performed.

Every one can magnetise; all diseases can be cured by Magnetism. God has endowed man with the power of curing his fellow creatures by imparting without injuring his own existence. (I do not believe that one can catch a disease by magnetising; if that were the case I should have every disease possible.)

This precious power, known especially to man, whose habits bring him most closely to Nature, is assuredly instinctive.

In the humble cottage, where the only science known is that of cultivating the earth and in training children to simple and useful labour; the mother soothes by gentle frictions, made with a solitude which permits not the slightest distraction, the pains which disturb her infant instructed by her tenderness, she varies her movements and caresses, she knows by passes from above downwards upon the vertebral column, and upon the abdomen, she can dissipate the pains so frequent and so dangerous in infancy; she knows that by supporting with her hands the head of her child upon her breast, and gently rocking him there, she can soothe and render supportable the anguish of teething; she knows that by placing her hands on the little patient's forehead she can allay the fever which burns his head; that when he has sickness, slight frictions on the epigastrium allays it.

Magnetism is a most powerful agent; it may be abused; it would be dangerous if it were in other than honest hands. Happily its practice requires too much time, too much sacrifices, to permit its being adopted by others than those who are actuated by the desire of being service

able to their fellow creatures, and this sentiment has no force and activity except in the heart of the good.

I have seen persons who have experienced no present sensible effects from magnetisation, but who have nevertheless been cured by it.

The magnetisation performed for the relief of suffering differs, as in its object, so also in its means and in its effects, from that which is intended solely to produce an altered state in a magnetic subject.

The magnetic fluid, like all other fluids, is dynamic, it is the vital force; to accumulate it in the nervous system, is to augment the powers of vitality. Consequently if this vital excitation is made without discernment, and an organ already over excited acquires irritability, it will assuredly favour disorganisation. But if, after having ascertained the organ in which irritability is concentrated, the faculty which the magnetiser has in establishing magnetic currents, either in the organic centre, or in another which he establishes within him, then danger is avoided and relief is accomplished.

It is very easy for a mother to magnetise her children; for a husband to magnetise his wife; for this very little instruction is requisite, provided that they have confidence, that is enough. As they are occupied with one single object—the attention is not distracted, the will the same; they naturally make use of all their faculties, and nothing can disturb the gradual and salutary progress of nature.

Several ladies whom I have magnetised have magnetised their children with the greatest effect; two especially. One has a very large family, and ever since she has been cured by Magnetism she has employed it upon her own children. The other had an infant whose face became covered with an eruption. Physicians had pronounced the case incurable. She asked me whether she could not magnetise the child. Upon my replying in the affirmative, she proceeded to do so; at the first magnetisation she thought she perceived an improvement. She persisted with hopefulness, and after a few days a crust which covered the whole face was de-

tached. At the present day this child is in perfect health. Behold what Magnetism can do !

A great responsibility attaches to a magnetiser who takes charge of the treatment of several persons. An active desire to do good, and faith in his power, are not the only qualities required in him ; he must have instruction, great prudence, and firmness of purpose and character. There are maladies the treatment of which ought not to be undertaken unless there is a certainty of being able to continue it, and unless one is well assured that the patient will also persevere in following.

Magnetisers well know what they engage to do when they undertake the treatment of a chronic malady. A patience is required which is above all trial, an unshaking firmness, a devotedness which charity alone is capable of inspiring, a charity whose sweetest satisfaction is in rendering a service to a suffering fellow-creature.

The facts which prove the existence, the reality of vital Magnetism, are innumerable.

Let an individual yawn, laugh, or cry, and let some of those present imitate him, and his affection, manner, &c., will be communicated to the rest. So also the spirits, sentiments, and passions are subject to the same law. But Natural Magnetism is more apparent, especially in nervous disorders. It is only sufficient for some persons to witness a nervous attack to be seized with convulsions. The moral disorders observed in large and exciting assemblies are traceable to a similar influence. The sympathy or antipathy which is felt in the vicinity of certain beings: the composure which children feel in the arms of their mothers ; the relief effected by the imposition of the hands alone upon the seat of pain ; the vigour which old people regain by lying with children, and per contra the exhaustion of the latter ; the benefit resulting from frictions and passes are all explicable to the same law.

The history of Magnetism goes back to the commencement of the world. We learn from various authors that India, Greece, Judea, Rome, and ancient Gaul, were all acquainted with human Magnetism.

All beings are endowed with a latent virtue, with an invisible fluid, called by physiologists the vital principle, nervous fluid, or simply life; this acts upon animals, and especially upon man, as the loadstone acts upon iron. Its quantity may, like that of the blood, be diminished without the functions of the body being arrested. Like caloric it may be transmitted from one body to another by contact. It circulates in the nerves like electricity. It proceeding from the brain, escapes by the aid of the nerves. The fluid directed upon the viscera accumulates there. Magnetic effects are the result of an augmentation of life.

There are two magnetic processes; one moral, the other physical. The moral process is the most essential; it consists of concentration and will. The soul is strong only by concentrating its faculties, and acts well only by willing.

The benefits which medicine and surgery have derived from Magnetism are immense; it has, in consequence, made great progress within a short period.

CHAPTER II.

“They are scarcely worthy of the name of physicians or physiologists, who say that Magnetism determines no changes in the organisation, or that it does not possess power in the cure of diseases.”—ROSTAU.

DIFFERENT COMPLAINTS TREATED BY ANIMAL MAGNETISM.

Abscess.—In the year 1870, I received a letter from the Countess De P——. In this letter she said that her husband, whom I had already attended ten years previously in London, was suffering from an abscess, very deeply seated in the left groin. A celebrated surgeon had been called to make an operation; it was a most difficult one. The abscess began to discharge—so much so that the patient became very weak; the leg was thin and emaciated. At times very feverish, and had no appetite; he was unable to move on either side. Seeing his health declining rapidly, the Countess wrote to ask whether I could not come and attend him. I left London for their place. As soon as I arrived I magnetised him. It was indeed a very serious case. I found the patient as already stated. The abscess discharging profusely; the leg much reduced. I saw at once what I had to do. I magnetised him strongly three times per day. I gave tone to the digestive organs, to all the functions. The beginning of the treatment could not have been more satisfactory. The appetite improved; he became cheerful. After a few days, he gladly acknowledged the good I had already done him. Magnetism assisted nature in every way possible. When a new abscess formed itself, I always succeeded in curing it. After a little time matter changed colour and became less. When new abscesses were forming he had high fever, which Magnetism took away. He used to always feel better after each magnetisation. He told the family doctor that Magnetism saved his life. I attended

five weeks. After an interruption of six weeks, he was again attended during five weeks. My patient had been a magnetist himself.

In the year 1874 a lady consulted me respecting a pain in the leg. For a few days she had a red spot near the ankle, very painful. The ankle was swollen; few days after an abscess formed itself. I magnetised her daily during six weeks:—Cured, and general health improved.

In the year 1872, a gentleman was attended during one week from the result of an abscess which had left the leg in a weak state. Magnetism gave him much strength.

In the same year a gentleman was attended for several abscesses; they were small and painful. He was magnetised during four months. The abscesses healed, he gained strength; the nervous debility disappeared; the circulation improved.

In the year 1875, I magnetised a gentleman for three months daily for great weakness in one leg, caused by an abscess in the groin. The leg was reduced and shorter. Magnetism gave tone, took away swelling from the hip and knee; in fact, the leg lengthened so the high heel had to be taken off.

In the year 1876, a young lady was attended for an abscess in the thumb—very painful. Her mother had been watching anxiously, and she thought I might alleviate the pains. Few magnetisations were sufficient. This lady was attended when an infant. Her mother said she would always remember that her recovery was due to Magnetism.

The surgeons of the present day are convinced that the discharge and healing of abscesses are done simply by force of nature. To avoid stagnation of matter, they recommend cleanliness in dressing, and fresh air. I believe Magnetism would always prove successful in such cases.

Atrophy.—In the year 1871, I was requested to attend a lady at Croydon. She was very ill, unable to leave her bed; very restless, and no sleep. The first magnetisations succeeded in strengthening her; she was able to eat; she gained flesh; her nights were better. The progress was gradual and steady. She was magnetised thirty-four times.

In the same year an aged lady, 86, received much good by the magnetic treatment. She wished me to attend her for six weeks daily. She found that each magnetisation gave her enough strength to enable her to go through the day. She was so aged, so weak, and so feeble that her case was, to all, the greatest proof of the curative power of Magnetism.

In 1871 I attended a lady who appeared very ill. She was unable to leave her bed, and had been unable to take any food for weeks. Her mother and sisters were very desponding about her. She had remained in a dark room, being unable to bear the light. Strange to say the first magnetisation produced sleep; she then asked for food, which she was able to keep. She had a good night of natural sleep without soporifics. I can say she gained strength from the very first dose. I magnetised her daily during one month. She left for her home, but I very often see her family, and I am told she has kept in good health since the treatment.

In 1873 I attended a gentleman who was very weak. Each magnetisation appeared to do him good. After a short time he could fulfil his employment; after a month he was able to walk to my house, a distance of four miles. After three months he was considered cured. Some time after he wrote to state that he continued to keep well, thanks to Magnetism. I have attended many cases of atrophy, and always found the restorative power of Magnetism to be very great.

Asthma.—In the year 1852 I was at Berne, attending several patients; among them was a gentleman who had been suffering for upwards of twenty years. Every medical treatment to which he had been submitted proved wholly ineffectual. He consulted me, and followed my treatment. During six weeks I magnetised him three times per day. A great improvement in his health was soon perceptible. He could eat, walk, and sleep in his bed, which he had not done since many years. Being obliged to return home, one of his daughters, to whom I taught Magnetism, continued the treatment with success. I received the following a little time after:—“Dear Mr. Didier, —Thanks to you, my

health continues to keep up, and I am beginning to gather a little flesh, and every one finds me looking much better. I can now always sleep. Ever since your magnetic treatment, there has been no appearance of that fever, nor of those fits of coughing with which I had been annoyed for twenty-five years. Deign accept my profound gratitude.—F. G. M.”

In 1851, I was residing at Torpoint, at the house of Lady H——. During my visit I was requested to attend a lady for asthma. The paroxysms were severe. I magnetised her for one month.—Cured.

Although many years ago, I shall always remember the kindness of this lady. In order to show her gratitude to the science which was the cause of the recovery of her health, she spoke of it to every one. By her kind recommendation I gave Lectures, and select seances, at the General Murray and others. It was the same some time after when Lords Ingestre and Lytton took interest in my mode of healing; through their kind patronage I gave Lectures at Lord Combermere's and the Marchioness of Hastings.

In 1851 I was consulted by a gentleman who was a great sufferer. I attended him twice a day during six weeks. Magnetism had a salutary effect from the first dose. The crises from coughing were not so frequent. He soon gained strength, and was able to go through his duty without those attacks of coughing for which he was in fear that he would have to give up his profession as a captain in the army. Some time after I received the following:—“Dear Didier,—I have delayed some time without writing to you, in order to convince myself of my having been radically cured. It is now with the greatest pleasure I can inform you that I am perfectly well, and that, thanks to you, this illness, from which I scarcely expected to recover, has left me, and I can now affirm that Magnetism was the powerful agent.—H.”

In 1860, a gentleman who had been suffering since many years, consulted me, and placed himself under the magnetic treatment. He was in fear to have to give up his studies at Cambridge. He was attended for two weeks.—Cured.

In the year 1864, a lady was suffering much with Asthma. Her husband telegraphed if I could come down and attend her at Malvern. She was magnetised for one week twice per day. This lady had been attended many times before by me: She was, therefore, very sensitive to the treatment.

In the same year I attended a gentleman through the recommendation of a friend of twenty years standing, who had himself recourse to magnetism many times during that period. Ten magnetisations were sufficient. When he left he could breathe with ease and had no cough.

In 1871, a lady, twenty years of age, had been suffering since her sixth year. I was told she had been under the care of nineteen doctors. She coughed and expectorated almost constantly. She had been attended for Bronchitis. She was very weak; the slightest fatigue would bring on paroxysms of pain: she was very thin and emaciated. Her long suffering had rendered her very nervous. For some time there was a fear that her lungs were affected. She came here accompanied by her mother, who had not left her since the beginning of her illness. The first magnetisation was successful in soothing her: it gave us hope to continue the treatment. She was attended during the whole winter. After a month there was a decided change for the best; her appetite was better; she was less nervous; the cough diminished; she gained flesh, and became stronger. All symptoms of fever disappeared; the soreness of the chest also; she became cheerful. She continued to progress under the magnetic treatment—cured after a treatment of six months. It is now six years ago. I see her occasionally. She has passed through all the winters without a return of her malady.

Apoplexy.—In 1871, a gentleman was attended during two months. Magnetism relieved him very much. He recovered his strength. It had also left a state of nervousness of which he recovered.

Brain Fever.—In 1875, I was consulted for a lady who was very ill. Great weakness—Eruption over the legs, and swelling of the right leg. Magnetism subdued

the fever. After the fifteenth attendance the eruption had almost disappeared; the cough also. Her lungs became stronger; sore throat cured. She became much stronger altogether. She was attended thirty-eight times. I saw her two years after, when I was told that she had kept well ever since the magnetic treatment.

In 1875, I was called to Croydon, to attend a lady who was ill with the same disease. I attended her during six weeks with success.

Bronchitis.—In the year 1875, I attended two very severe cases; one had much benefitted at the tenth attendance, and was cured at the twenty-seventh. The other was greatly relieved at the ninth magnetisation.

Bright's Disease.—In 1876, I attended a gentleman who was suffering with the above complaint. He had been regarded as hopeless. He was unable to move, and had lost the use of his legs. There was much albumen, and great prostration with numbness. I magnetised him daily for six weeks. The albumen became less and less; he was also more cheerful—much happier. There was more feeling and more power in his legs—more pressure. Seeing the progress, we were encouraged to increase the seances. I magnetised him twice per day for about another month. At the end of the treatment he could walk without any help. In that case I magnetised the brain, the digestive organs, the spine, the loins. Such result alone shows the curative power of Magnetism.

Catalepsy.—In 1865, I attended a lady, first in Northamptonshire. She had fits in which she remained some times four hours. She had been under many physicians. When I arrived at the house of her father, she was in a fit. I magnetised her twice per day. On the third day she had improved. Her father pleased at the result, consented to let her accompany me to London, and be placed under my care. The treatment lasted six weeks. She had no more attacks. She could walk and take plenty of exercise. After the treatment I heard very often. She continued to keep well. It was one of the best cures achieved by Magnetism.

Her brother, who was suffering from disease of the heart, was cured in ten magnetisations. Through their kind recommendation I attended a gentleman who had his arm amputated. It had left an excessive nervous state. He tried Magnetism and said he never felt so soothed since the accident.

Consumption.—In 1851, a lady consulted me through the recommendation of Dr. Hand's. She was magnetised during three weeks without perceiving much amelioration; after that time the effects of Magnetism began to show themselves. She gained much strength. The expectoration diminished after each sitting. After six weeks she considered herself cured.

In 1862, I attended a similar case with the same result.

A lady, suffering much with pains in her chest, and neuralgia in the heart and digestive organs, was greatly relieved in six days magnetisations. Her husband was also suffering with pains in the chest and neuralgia; he had been suffering a long time. He followed Magnetism with success. A year after I went down to their country seat, where I attended with the same result. I see them at times, and they continue to enjoy the blessings of health.

In the year 1871, I attended a lady, who had been suffering many years with pains in the chest, so much so that she despaired of ever being well again. Through the advice of her medical man, she tried Magnetism. Having felt the good effects of the treatment after only few sittings, she determined to continue it until thoroughly cured. We were all highly rewarded for her perseverance. She was magnetised every other day during eight months. Since the magnetic treatment, she has never had the slightest return of the disease. Her husband and herself are the greatest friends to Magnetism; they never lose an opportunity of mentioning to whom she owes her recovery.

In 1858, I was travelling in company of a baronet whom I was attending at the time. I was introduced to a family in the Isle of Wight. The lady was a great sufferer. I was consulted, and it was decided that she should be magnetised. I attended her for several days: these magnetisa-

tions had the most happy result. Some time after I was again sent for to continue the work so well commenced. I magnetised her twice a day. She was—besides her weak chest, in a state of great debility, and was not far from her confinement. After few sittings, we observed a sensible improvement. After a few days she was able to go out in the carriage; at the expiration of eight days, she was further able to walk with the help of my arm. All around it was known that this lady's restoration was due to Magnetism, for they would not conceal that it was to this remedy the happy result was attributable.

In 1867, I attended a lady who had been suffering for some time. Lungs were weak; also the digestive organs; great difficulty in breathing, poverty of blood, and constant pain in the left side. Having witnessed the beneficial effects of Magnetism in her family, she at last felt anxious to try the treatment. Her husband consulted me respecting her case, and told me how happy they would be if I could manage to come down to their place. It was arranged that I should go down for two weeks, and, should they see an improvement, they would come up to town and continue the treatment. I magnetised her five weeks. She improved daily until she was cured. Ten years after she had a return of pains, when I attended her with the same result.

In 1871, I attended a lady, for disease at the chest. She had been suffering for some long time. She was unable to leave her bed; had no sleep, and hardly took any food. The physicians saw no reason why Magnetism should not have a trial. Few days only sufficed to show the healing power of Magnetism. She became stronger rapidly; the appetite returned; her nights were better. After twenty-two magnetisations she was cured. I hear often, and she still continues well.

In the same year I attended a lady, 86 years of age. She was magnetised for three months. Seeing the strengthening influence upon a person so aged, I feel convinced that Magnetism can act as a preservative as well as a preventive of diseases. After fifty, a change has taken place in the system. The breathing, the digestive organs,

the circulation are less able to endure tear and wear. Magnetism is well calculated in keeping the whole machine going.

In 1872, I attended a gentleman who was very bad with consumption. He had a constant cough; could not go up stairs. He was magnetised twelve times, after which he went to Hastings.

In 1873, a lady was magnetised for consumption. She was cured after twenty-five magnetisations.

A young lady, who had pains in her chest, was magnetised with success. Ten magnetisations were sufficient.

A young lady, daughter of a clergyman, whose wife I was attending at the time, was cured in six sittings.

Diabetes.—In 1861, a lady, 67 years of age, had been a great sufferer. At first I was consulted for her by her eldest son. She had been treated by medical celebrities. Constant thirst, sleeplessness, general relaxation, neuralgia, sensitiveness of the limbs. She was, from being robust and embonpoint, now weak and emaciated. From the first magnetisations there was an evident amelioration, which imparted to us the greatest confidence. She submitted herself to the treatment full of hope.

After a few weeks the patient was able to take exercise, to walk the length of the terrace, supported only by some one's arm. Desirous of not neglecting a cure which promised so very favourably, I willingly acceded to the wish that I should take up my abode with the family at their residence, in the midst of one of the most beautiful sites in the world. After a few days, my patient was able to take her walks, some times with the assistance of my arm, but often alone, and without the assistance of her cane.

At length my intrepid patient, for the honour of the science, resolutely walked from Ryde along the pier to the steamer. For almost twenty years her fingers had been in a state of rigidity; they recovered their natural flexibility.

The satisfaction was only equal to her gratitude. Her husband was relieved by Magnetism. I attended him two months; and whenever he had an attack, whether at night or in the day time, Magnetism always succeeded in doing him good.

I have attended the children and grand children of these good people.

Diphtheria.—In 1865, a gentleman was cured in a few magnetisations. In the same year I attended a child by the recommendation of Dr. W. Magnetism succeeded in curing him. A young lady was cured by the same illness in a few magnetisations. A lady was attended and cured in two months.

Deafness.—A gentleman was attended for deafness of both ears. He had consulted all the aurists of London. He wished to give a fair trial to Magnetism. I attended him twice a day for six weeks.—Cured.

In 1876, I attended a lady, who was deaf of one ear, with great noise in head. I attended with success. It took three months daily. I see this lady often, and she continues well. In the same year, I attended a lady, living near my residence. She had been deaf since many years. I attended her twice per week for three months. After some time she could hear my watch ticking at a foot's distance. She was cured.

In 1877, I attended a gentleman who had been deaf for many years. He was magnetised twenty times. The throbbing in the head disappeared. He could hear my watch at a great distance after not been able to hear it quite close to the ear.

Debility.—A lady was attended and cured in three sittings of general debility.

In 1871, a lady was attended for general debility, poverty of blood, eruption and sore on face and arms, and legs. She had been very ill during the winter, and medicine had no effect on her. She was magnetised for three weeks.

Dropsy.—In the year 1869, a gentleman was magnetised daily. Magnetism gave him strength; enabled him to sleep and eat better. An operation was done, after which magnetism tranquillised him.

In 1874, I magnetised a gentleman for water in the legs, bad circulation, and heart disease. He was attended all the summer with success.

A lady was magnetised for water in the legs. Magnetic treatment was successful; and after few sittings she could walk without pain and without any assistance.

In 1876, I was called to Brighton to attend a lady who had water in the legs. She was obliged to sit in an arm-chair—was suffering much from want of sleep. I magnetised her several times in the night. She slept better and pains were subdued. I attended her again few nights after with the same result.

In the same year, I attended a lady who had been operated upon. She could not recover her strength. She was very feverish and very low. All her family thought she would not recover.

The first sitting was very telling. After a few minutes she perspired profusely. The six first magnetisations had the same result. During the remainder of the treatment she became much stronger, and was able to walk a little and drive. She was magnetised only fifteen times. All the family had only one opinion; viz.: that her recovery was entirely due to Magnetism.

Dyspepsia.—In the year 1875 I attended a gentleman twelve times. He had been suffering since many years: Magnetism did him good.

Eyes (Weakness of Sight).—In 1867, a lady, aged 69, was magnetised for the eyes. After few magnetisations, her sight was much stronger.

Cataract.—A lady, aged 75, was magnetised with much success. She declared she could see much better. She often said “It is like as if you had removed a curtain.”

A lady was attended for cataract and congestion of the brain. For six weeks Magnetism was applied daily. The congestion was cured, and the sight much improved.

A lady recommended by Dr. C., was magnetised for inflammation, blindness, and debility. After six weeks of Magnetism, the inflammation was cured, and the sight better. During the treatment the general health improved.

A gentleman was attended for inflammation of the eyes: was magnetised daily and cured.

A gentleman was magnetised every day for three weeks, and was greatly relieved.

In 1868, a patient and friend, who was suffering acutely

with inflammation of the eyes, blindness with great pain; general health bad; great debility and inflammation of the stomach, consulted me, and was very anxious that I should attend him. I advised him to leave London. He took his abode at Richmond, at the Star and Garter Hotel. I used to go down twice a day. I magnetised the eyes, head and stomach; and I made him keep magnetised water on the eyes. He was attended during six weeks. The inflammation was cured; he recovered his sight. He kept well ever since. I taught him the science to which he owes his recovery.

At about the same time I attended a lady who had inflammation of the eyes, supposed to have come by acute neuralgia. Her daughter wrote to ask me to come down. I magnetised this lady three times a day for three weeks. The pains were relieved; the inflammation subdued, and the sight of one eye preserved. In this case I kept also magnetised water in compresses. All the daughters are magnetists, and one is a great supporter to my institution. Noble heart: If all amateurs would only say they believe in what they follow, the science of Magnetism would make greater progress.

At the same time I attended a lady for neuralgia in the eyes, with great pain in the face and head. The first magnetisations were successful in relieving the pain. I was requested to come again the next day, when we obtained the same result, and after ten days she was cured. The mother decided to place the other daughters under my treatment, as she herself was cured of acute rheumatism.

Fever (Typhoid).—Fifteen years ago, a lady, living at Pesth, in Hungary, was suffering from typhoid fever. Her doctors were despairing of her state. The family had consulted me by letter. Seeing she was getting worse, and medical men giving no hope, they sent me a telegram, asking me to come, if possible, at once. I started for Hungary, confident in my diagnosis and in my healing power. On my journey I made the acquaintance of Prince Wasa, who asked me to stop at Dresden; but, urged by the importance of the case, I determined to continue my route.

At length I arrived at Buda. I found the invalid overwhelmed with weight of suffering, a yellow countenance, great oppression, expectoration tinged with blood; palpitation and fever. I magnetised her three times per day. The healing power of Magnetism soon made a change for the better. From day to day there was a progressive amendment. All the Baroness's friends complimented me on the daily progress, and the delight of the family was excessive. I was able to return to England after fourteen days, leaving the Baroness well. On my way home I visited Baron Reichenback, at Vienna, to whom I explained my philosophy on Magnetism.

I have had many patients to attend for fever; also many children; and whatever has been the state of fever, Magnetism has done good.

Fistule.—In the year 1875, I magnetised a lady suffering from a fistule, which had given her much pain since thirty years. After the treatment she acknowledged on several occasions the good she derived from Magnetism.

Gout.—In 1865, a gentleman came expressly from Ireland to try the magnetic treatment. He was ailing from suppressed gout, giddiness, and inability to lie on the left side. He was magnetised seven times. On his return home he was so kind as to report his progress to me. He wrote thus: "I thank you very much for your kind attention to me. I am happy to tell you I never felt so well as I do at this moment."

In the year 1870, through the recommendation of Dr. M——, I attended a young lady who had been suffering for many years of excessive pain in the head, noise and inflammation. My opinion was that she suffered from gout. The first magnetisations did her much good. Whilst she was magnetised she was without pain. She was attended twice per day for three weeks.

In the same year, a gentleman was cured of gout in the feet in a few sittings.

In 1871, a gentleman was attended for gout in the stomach. Magnetism cured him in six sittings. He had been unwell for many years, and was desponding when he came to me.

In 1873, a gentleman was magnetised for rheumatic gont—very painful : was greatly relieved in five sittings.

In 1876, I attended a lady who was a great sufferer ; her knees, ankles, and feet were very swollen. She was unable to move from a chair. Her spine also was painful. She was pronounced incurable. Her sister had no hope in her recovery. I magnetised her during six weeks. To the surprise of everyone she improved very much. The swelling of knees and feet was much better ; her sleep was also much improved. They are all of opinion that Magnetism saved her life.

Liver (Diseases of the Liver).—Some years ago, a gentleman consulted me, and placed himself under Magnetism. I magnetised him during three weeks. He left comparatively well. His malady was of such a nature that after some time the irregularity of the functions of the liver returned, and the paroxysms of pain were great. The liver was badly affected, which sometimes caused great dulness of spirits, prostration, and despondency. At his request, I went down to his place in the country. I magnetised him during three months daily. All the digestive organs were very weak, with chronic dyspepsia, general weakness, great nervous susceptibility, and other troubles, which rendered him very weak and unable to take exercise. In some paroxysms of suffering, the most desponding thoughts would overcome his mind. It was a great responsibility, but I was, as I am now, full of confidence that Divine Providence would crown my efforts with success. Therefore I did my best to restore the equilibrium, and put a "*mens sana in corpore sano.*" He was cured. This gentleman had been himself a magnetist when young and healthy.

A gentleman had been suffering many years with torpidity of the liver, and weakness in the digestive organs. He was magnetised every other day during two weeks, and was cured.

A gentleman had been a great sufferer with liver complaint contracted in India, was magnetised daily during six weeks. He was very weak. He had taken much medicine, which, according to his opinion, had done him more harm than

good. During his illness he had lost much flesh ; the loins, back and bladder caused him much pain. I was consulted, and he placed himself under Magnetism. He felt the beneficial effects of magnetism almost from the first day. Magnetism gave tone to the whole system. He became stronger daily. After the tenth magnetisation, he gained flesh (about six pounds). During the treatment the patient had several bad attacks, but they were always relieved by Magnetism.

A lady, who had been recommended to me by Dr. W—— was attended for congestion of the liver. She had been suffering for many years. After the magnetic treatment, which lasted eighteen days, I received the following lines from her sister:—"I am happy to give you a good report of my sister, who is going on favourably. I have had the pleasure of sending your address to several friends, to whom I have mentioned your success in our family."

About a year after I attended this patient for a return of the same disease, and succeeded in curing her in a few sittings.

A lady was cured of liver complaint after a few sittings. She said she had suffered many years.

A lady was cured of liver complaint after three weeks daily.

A gentleman was magnetised for liver complaint, brought on by excessive smoking. I magnetised him two weeks. He was very much better, and could have been cured if he had been more moderate in the use of tobacco.

In 1869, a gentleman came to ask me to attend his wife, who was very ill. He said—"Could you come with me now? If you delay, I fear my wife may not survive." She had been ill with liver disease (gall stones). The last consultation of physicians gave very little hope of recovery. They were both in favour of Magnetism. When I arrived I found there was no exaggeration in what the gentleman said. The patient looked very ill indeed. Great pain ; impossibility to keep anything on the stomach ; complexion very yellow.

At first sight I was afraid that it was too late for Mag-

retism. However, I magnetised with my habitual hope and quietness. I magnetised for one hour. During the sitting I could see a change. I was requested to come again next morning. Next day I was told that the patient had been better the whole day; that she had passed a better night. In fact, the first magnetisation had proved very successful, that they wished me to continue the treatment until total recovery. I attended this lady nearly the whole winter. A little more than a year after, I received the following letter:—"Let me take this opportunity of expressing my grateful sense of your kind and assiduous services to me in my illness, to which I shall always feel I owe, in great measure, under God, my recovery." The husband and daughter were also magnetised with success. Last year I attended them again with the same result.

In 1875, I was called at Upper Norwood to attend a gentleman who was suffering much with liver complaint. The first dose acted as a powerful medicine; he had less pain and slept better.

In 1876, I attended a gentleman at Clapham for torpidity of the liver and gouty knees. The first magnetisations had a very good effect; he was able to eat better; the swelling gradually became less. He could walk better, and remained better without the help of medicine. He had been suffering since many years. It was an obstinate case. He was attended during three months.

A lady was attended at the end of 1876. The liver and digestive organs were very torpid. She was cured in a few weeks. This lady was first attended by me thirty years ago.

Madness.—Madness may be cured by magnetism. I have attended only few cases, but they are sufficient to prove the soothing effect in such disease. In the year 1845, I was consulted for a disordered state of the mind. The parents of the patient were anxious to try Magnetism. When I arrived I found at first no easy matter to approach the patient. I was obliged to have recourse to auxiliary magnetisations by magnetising water to drink, and attend-

ing him at a short distance. After a little time, we perceived that he was becoming calmer. At length he allowed me to approach him; and in a few days I succeeded in inducing him to sit down before me. The more the treatment continued the more docile he became. At the end of a few months it was in every one's power to appreciate the happy change he had undergone. He, who so shortly before could not recognise any one, would now come and bid me good morning, and at every magnetisation he would shake hands with me. In short, it was easy to perceive that his reason was daily returning, and when I left he was in excellent health.

I have been consulted in London for a little girl who was recommended to me by Dr. Ashburner. She was a very interesting child, and I felt an ardent desire to cure her. At the first attendance magnetism had the effect to soothe her very much; the more I proceeded with the case the more sanguine were my hopes. She progressed under the magnetic treatment.

In the year 1869, a lady was suffering much with great depression of spirits. Her trouble was that she must have offended the Holy Ghost, and she could not be saved. Her father came to me, explained the case, and wished me to attend. I understood she had been so for many years. She was married. After her confinement she became worse, taking no notice of anyone. I magnetised her twelve times. Magnetism was effectual from the first. She became brighter, and promised to endeavour to struggle against these low feelings. At the second visit she felt so very happy that I concluded that Magnetism had done wonders. At the sixth magnetisation she was so well that I considered her cured. But her father and husband wished me to attend her again. She has never had any return of the malady.

In 1876, I was requested to attend a gentleman who was suffering with delusion, caused by over study, and the consequence of fever. At times he was violent. We did not know how to begin. In entering into conversation he said he had too much electricity in him. I took this opportunity

to say—"Give me your hands, perhaps I may be able to draw it out of you." I took his hands in mine. After 20 minutes he declared he was better, quieter, and less irritated. His thoughts were very detached. The second magnetisation was still more successful. His mind was better and stronger. He was aware of the good he received by being magnetised.

Neuralgia.—A gentleman suffering from Neuralgia was cured in a few days. Another gentleman was attended for neuralgia in the heart, stomach, and legs. When we began the treatment he was so bad that it was necessary to attend him twice per day.—Cured.

A gentleman, recommended by his physician, was cured in a few sittings of neuralgia in the face.

A lady, recommended by her doctor, was cured of neuralgia in the head in a few sittings.

A lady was attended, with success, the whole winter for neuralgia in the head.

A young lady had been a great sufferer for many years with neuralgia in the eyes. Her parents, fatigued at trying remedies, and having faith in me, proposed to send her under my care. She resided in my family. I attended her during one month, twice per day. She progressed steadily: was cured when she left. Some long time after, her mother wrote to say that she continued to be doing well, and complimented me on the happy result.

A lady came also to reside in my house in order to follow the magnetic treatment until cured, which was after six weeks attention.

A gentleman was magnetised for Neuralgia, and cured. He consulted me during many years. Another gentleman was cured in ten days.

Paralysis.—Some years ago I was requested to go down to Warwickshire to attend a lady who had an attack of paralysis. In spite of her great age, Magnetism did her good. Every sitting appeared to strengthen her. The swelling disappeared gradually. She could move her fingers. Magnetism used to tranquilise the whole system.

A gentleman was magnetised for paralysis of the arm and leg. He had been in that state for ten years. I magnetised him during three months. He stood firmer on his leg; he could press and move his foot better.

A gentleman was attended during two months for paralysis of the tongue, with symptoms of apoplexy, and constant running from the nose. He had lost his voice and speech. Magnetism did him much good.

At the end of 1876 I attended a gentleman, recommended by his physician, for numbness of the left side. He was cured in seven magnetisations.

Rheumatism.—In 1871, I attended a lady who had been suffering since a long time with rheumatism in all the limbs. She was attended five weeks.—Cured.

A gentleman was attended for rheumatism in the joints, hands, knees, and ancles; he was magnetised six weeks.—Cured.

A gentleman was attended for rheumatism in the marrow of the spine. He had been pronounced incurable by the greatest men here and in Paris. He gave me a fair trial, and said should he see an amelioration he would continue any time. He was under me six months.—Cured. I often see him, and he walks as he did before his illness.

Stiff Neck.—In 1876 a lady was attended for stiff neck and noise in the head, with tendency to deafness. She was cured in six weeks. Many years ago I attended a lady, 78. Her head was on her chest. Her neck had relaxed. I magnetised her with more result than I dared to anticipate. She could raise her head, and was always very grateful. Noble soul! if all the great people I attended had been like you, Magnetism would by this time be acknowledged as a branch of Medicine.

Spine (Diseases of the).—In 1871 a gentleman was attended for spinal disease. He came up to London purposely to be attended. He was in constant pain and very weak; unable to take exercise or bear fatigue. He followed Magnetism for six months. He was cured owing to his perseverance.

A gentleman was attended for an affection of the spine.

I magnetised him for about three weeks; and whenever he felt a return of pain he would come up to town for a few days and be attended. I have had the pleasure of magnetising in the family of this gentleman for upwards of 20 years.

A gentleman was successfully magnetised for disease of the spine. He consulted me, and the result of the consultation was that Magnetism would have every chance to succeed. He was very weak; could not walk. He had been told there was no cure. At the end of six weeks he had no pain. He could stand upright and walk steadily.

A lady was magnetised for disease of the spine. She was magnetised for two weeks.—Cured.

A lady who had been suffering much consulted me and was very anxious to try Magnetism. I attended her three weeks. Considering her age and the chronic state of her affection, we thought we had progressed favourably. It was arranged that I should accompany her to Brighton in order to continue the treatment there. After two weeks she could walk without the assistance of her sticks. One of her daughters being a good magnetist, continued the treatment when at home.

A lady consulted me, and was magnetised for disease of the spine. When I magnetised her, she had been on a sofa unable to move. She was magnetised six weeks. Up to the present time she is convinced that without Magnetism she would have never recovered.

A gentleman was magnetised for the spine and brain: very acute pain on the top of the head. He was obliged to keep his room. I magnetised him for ten days, when he was perfectly cured.

A gentleman was magnetised for disease of the spine, and difficulty in moving his legs. He was attended during three months.—Cured.

A lady was attended for weakness of the spine. This patient was extremely weak. Half of her life was passed lying on the sofa. She was first magnetised at the infirmary, from which she derived some good. I attended her during five weeks. When she left she was strong and had no pain

In 1876 a gentleman was attended for disease of the spine. He had been a very great sufferer since twenty years. He was obliged to remain almost always on the sofa. I magnetised him nearly six months daily. Some time after, when he returned home, I was informed that he continued doing well.

Sleeplessness.—A lady near my house was attended in 1876 for want of sleep. She was attended fourteen times. Each magnetisation gave her sleep. She found herself always much better for the attendance.

In 1876 a gentleman was attended for want of sleep and pain at the back of the head. He was attended during two weeks. All the neuralgic pains disappeared, and his sleep was better than it had been for many years.

In the beginning of 1877 I received the following telegram from a stranger:—"Could you kindly come to-night after nine to a lady who is ill and has had no sleep for weeks." I magnetised her for one hour. I left her sleeping. Next morning I received the following:—"Miss L. presents her compliments to Professor Didier, and is glad to tell him that her mother had an hour and a-half's sound sleep after he left her, and was quiet and comfortable all night. She is anxious to have another visit from him. Magnetism succeeded in giving her sleep.

Tumour.—In 1869 Dr. C—— wished me to attend one of his patients who was suffering from a tumour in the stomach. In my experience I never saw a person suffering so much and looking so very ill. She was very thin and emaciated—could not take any food; constant sickness. The first four magnetisations did her much good. She felt revived, more cheerful. At the end of each sitting one could perceive an amelioration. I used to leave her always more cheerful. She was magnetised forty-eight times. Every one in the family remarked the beneficial effects of each sitting. In that case the healing power of Magnetism was very striking.

In the year 1871, a lady was attended for a tumour the size of an egg. Magnetism was successful in diminishing the size of the tumour, and taking away all the inflammatory symptoms.

In 1875 I attended a gentleman for a tumour. Magnetism succeeded in doing some good.

In 1876 and 1877 I attended a lady who had a tumour (cancerous) on the left breast. She was attended during two months. The tumour was very much reduced; it became much softer; it had lost its inflammatory appearance. The general health improved much under the treatment. I was consulted some months before. When home I received a favourable report.

Varicose Veins.—In 1876, I magnetised a gentleman for varicose veins. Next day he wrote:—"I am happy to say that the veins of my legs are a good deal better to day; why I cannot explain, nevertheless it is a fact. Thanking you very much for the good I feel I have derived from you.—B——."

I am of opinion that Magnetism is a good remedy in old age. I have attended an old friend who was eighty-seven years of age. She found that Magnetism gave her much power, and renewed, as it were, all the system with fresh vigour.

I have told, briefly and simply, some of my doings in the science of life. I have taken from my journal the cases which appeared to me most favourable to Magnetism. Happy I shall be if by so doing I have caused the science of Human Magnetism to have made a few more steps to its advancement.

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