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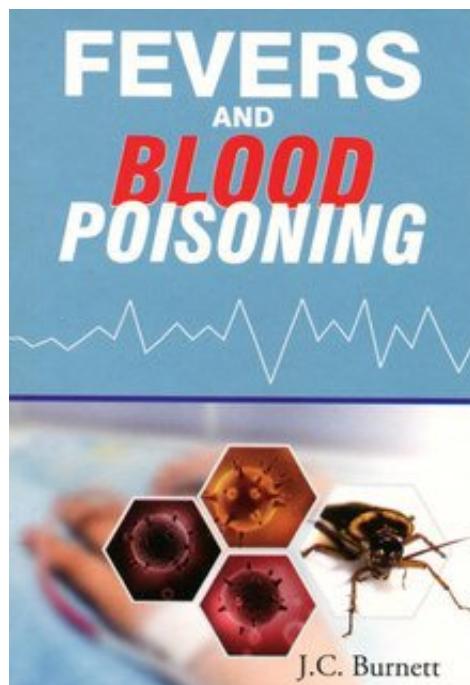
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PREFACE.

FOR several years I have been *vising Pyrogenwm* in Typhoid Fever and in cases of presumably septic Blood-poisoning; but as my opportunities for observing fevers are few and far between, I had no intention of publishing my observations, believing that some colleagues, who have more to do with Continued Fevers than myself, would soon come forward with the results; of large experience with this powerful agent; but I have waited and waited, and on inquiry find that *Pyrogenium* as a therapeutic agent is practically an unknown quantity. As Dr Drysdale, of Liverpool, first introduced *Pyrogenwun* to the notice of the profession I looked to the North for information as to its clinical value, but in vain. A while since, my own stock of *Pyrogemum* running short, I caused inquiries to be made in the North with the view of obtaining a fresh supply, but was informed that *Pyrogenitem* had not stood the test of experience, was worthless, in fact, and had been given up as therapeutically non-viable. The cause of this adverse judgment I shall not inquire into, merely contenting myself with

saying that it will have to be reversed, for I have found that *Pyrogenium* is indeed "the *Aconite* of the typhous or typhoid quality of pyrexia," as Drysdale so tersely puts it.

Experience teaches that over-praise is the bane that blights new remedies, and I would therefore be very chary in praising *Pyrogenium* too much, still I have more than half a conviction that the action of *Pyrogenium*. in the pyrexia from blood-poisoning comes very near to one's conception of a specific: however, let it go forth and fight its own battles, which I think it is well able to do.

Hearing that Dr Shuldharn, of Putney, had had some practical experience with *Pyrogenium*, I wrote to him to inquire what that might be, and his kind and ready reply will be found at the end of this pamphlet. I shall be glad to insert in any future editions of these pages the experience of any colleagues who may favour me with their results.

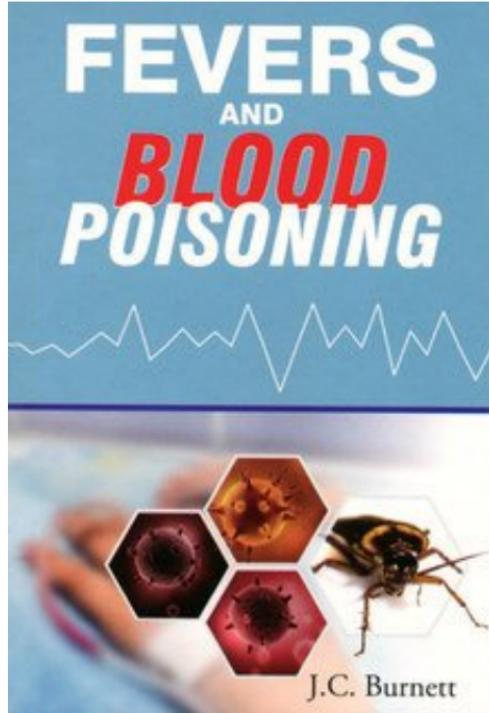
Two of the leading homoeopathic chemists of London have very kindly prepared the remedy for me, and *Pyrogenium* may therefore be obtained through any homoeopathic chemist in the Kingdom, and all the principal ones in the metropolis have it in stock. Those pharmaceutical chemists who may wish to prepare it them-

selves will find full directions in Dr Drysdale's brochure, but the control experiment on mice should not be omitted, and the dilutions should be made right away, and *not* with glycerine.

I recommend the ordinary sixth centesimal homoeopathic dilution, five drops in a dessert-spoonful of water administered every two hours, which is quite harmless, and may be given to the youngest and most delicate baby.

In the following pages I give only as many details as seem to me needful to enable my readers to form an independent judgment as to the value of *Pyrogenitem* in pyrexia.

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