

During the past Summer (1855) this disease prevailed at most of the settlements, far more generally than had been anticipated. But, from a personal examination of the locations, and an inquiry into the habits and modes of living of the sufferers, the writer is convinced that a *very large proportion* of the cases, with ordinary care, might have been avoided, and after their occurrence, with prudence and judicious remedial management, might have been promptly cured. It should not be forgotten that during the period referred to, exciting and predisposing causes were more active and virulent than usual, as is evident from the fact that various Indian tribes, in Kansas Territory and elsewhere, reported a greater prevalence of the disease than had occurred for many years previously; and from the additional facts that it raged with unwonted violence in those sections of the West usually afflicted with it, and that it also appeared in many quarters (as in the interior of Ohio,) where it never before manifested itself. It is said that this disease when it attacks Indians, yields more readily to medicines, than when Whites are the sufferers.

Prior to the appearance of the cholera, a period of six years elapsed without a single death occurring, to the knowledge of Dr. Lykins,\* between Kansas City, Mo., and the region of the Big Blue, in the vicinity of Fort Riley; a distance of 125 miles West.

From October to August, previous to the irruption of that disease, there was an almost complete immunity from sickness. The most sickly period is in April and May, when bowel complaints, having a typhoid tendency, prevail. Most sickness in the Fall occurs from the middle of August to the middle of September, and then bilious remittents and intermittents occur; some seasons, typhoid fever makes its appearance, which it

\* To this gentleman we are under great obligations for his unceasing kindness, and his assiduous professional attendance, during a period of six weeks, whilst we were confined with a severe attack of typhoid fever. We with much pleasure avail of this opportunity to recommend him to all who may need the services of a kind and competent Physician.