

as certain cure which it effects. I have, happily, no sick friends, or I would urge a trial.

I am, dear sir, very truly yours,

JOHN HODY JAMES.

San Francisco, Aug. 26th, 1861.


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*Contrasted with English Water Cures—the Best of the European.*

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 31, 1861.—DR. BOURNE—*Dear Sir* :—At your request I take this opportunity to inform you, over my own signature, that I was several years in three of the leading Water Cures of Great Britain, viz: At Malvern, with Drs. Gully & Wilson, at Sudbrook Park, with Dr. Ellis, and in London, with Dr. Clark, both as patient and assistant, and that having a strong partiality for the Water Cure system, I took every opportunity afforded by observation and reading to study the system as practiced by these distinguished physicians, and became perfectly familiar with it and know its results. I have been with Dr. Bourne upward of two years. I know his modes of treatment; they differ essentially from those pursued by the other gentlemen named. Dr. Bourne's results are equally as certain as theirs, and attained to with much greater rapidity; in fact they would consider it preposterous to undertake the cures which Dr. Bourne effects in six or eight weeks.

ROBERT STEWART MACBETH.

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 The persistent efforts to detract from Dr. Bourne's standing as a Water Cure Physician made for some time past from interested and unworthy motives, has rendered it proper to publish the above estimates of the position he holds by gentlemen competent to form a correct judgment, so that shallow pretension based upon the *supposed* superior merits of others may be duly appreciated. If deep and intelligent study, long experience, close and critical observation, mature years and ardent devotion to one's profession, with a large and varied practice, constitute any claim to the confidence of a community in the qualifications of an individual as a physician, then Dr. Bourne claims that of this community, as those attributes of a physician are his.