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The above described state of excitement, after having continued for an uncertain length of time according to the force of the impression of the cause & duration of the stage of oppression, from 15 to 20 minutes to an hour or two, gradually subsides; the skin becomes soft & moist; the temperature nearer the natural standard; the pain of the head & soreness of the extremities will be diminished; the breathing more natural; the oppression of the praecordia & pain of the stomach more supportable; the thirst & dryness of the mouth less urgent; the pulse becomes softer smaller & more consistent as in health; the urine is copious & of a pale white colour; the patient instead of being restless & uneasy will be calm, composed & disposed to sleep.

Before the patient is entirely free of complaints or uneasiness however, there will be a recurrenec of the first or stage of oppression, so that the perfect remission, much less an intermission must not be expected.

If the cause has been slight, a few, perhaps one or two paroxysms may terminate the course of the disease; more generally however, it continues to progress for six or eight days or even in some ^{cases} for some weeks, with exacerbations &