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Fever (infectious disease) is humanity's worst enemy.

Humanity has three great enemies: Fever, famine and war; of these by far the greatest, by far the most terrible, is fever.

(Source: The Study of the Fevers of the South. JAMA 1896;26:999-1000.)

The best disinfectants.

Soap and water and common sense are the best disinfectants.

(Source: Bean WB. Sir William Osler: Aphorisms, 134.)

NOTES

Treatment is controlled by pharmaceutical manufacturers.

Far too large a section of the treatment of disease is to-day controlled by the big manufacturing pharmacists, who have enslaved us in a plausible pseudo-science. The remedy is obvious – give our students a first-hand acquaintance with disease and give them a thorough practical knowledge of the great drugs and we will send out independent, clear-headed, cautious practitioners who will do their own thinking and be no longer at the mercy of a meretricious literature which has sapped our independence.

(Source: The Treatment of Disease. Can Lancet 1909;42:899-912.)