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W. M. KELLY, M.D.,

Honorary Secretary.

Taunton, December 10th, 1864.

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London, 5th January, 1865.

Correspondence.

CASE OF PRYCE v. BOWEN.

LETTER FROM EDWARD LUND, ESQ.

SIR,—I must ask you to allow me to reply to a remark in your leading article, in last Saturday's JOURNAL, on the unfortunate case of Pryce v. Bowen, in which you say, "Mr. Lund is without excuse."

If it is to be considered as an acknowledged rule in our profession, that under no circumstances whatever are we to express an opinion on the professional treatment of patients by other parties, then I am indeed "without excuse," and must plead guilty, to the fullest extent, of improper conduct in giving any evidence in this case.

I can assure you, I deeply regret the consequences which have arisen from my having given an opinion in respect of the particular treatment of the case during the first nine days after the accident, as set forth in the plaintiff's declaration, which was read over to me, and upon which my opinion was founded. But as to the other charge brought against me, that I sided with a "bone setter" in giving my evidence, I wish distinctly to state that I knew nothing whatever of Evan Thomas, the person referred to, nor was I aware, until I saw him in the witness-box, that he would be in any way brought forward in this trial.

I trust that, although so strong a feeling is expressed against me at the present time, the profession will at least withhold their final judgment on the case, until I have laid before them, as I hope to do through the medium of your JOURNAL, the written opinion I gave in the first instance, and a report of the exact words used by me in my evidence; which, when compared with the questions which suggested them, will, I hope, show that I am not fairly chargeable with the gross misconduct which has been attributed to me. I am, etc.,

EDWARD LUND.

Manchester, January 3rd, 1865.

[Far be it from us to advocate the idea, that under no circumstances ought a medical man to give evidence in a law-court on the professional treatment of

patients by another medical man. What we condemn is the dragging of a medical man into court when there are no sufficient grounds, or no grounds whatever, for doing so. We know our brethren in Liverpool enough to believe, that if Mr. Bowen or any other medical man had injured his patient by gross ignorance or negligence, there would never have been wanting high-minded men among them to enter the witness-box and say so; that it never would have been necessary for the plaintiff to send to Manchester for a medical witness. We believe from Mr. Lund's note, that he has acted under an error of judgment. EDITOR.]

MEDICAL CHARGES.

LETTER FROM J. A. BOLTON, M.D.

SIR,—I send you *Particulars, as Required*, for review. I think the names associated in these two cases are sufficient to warrant me in appealing to the profession and its Council for a tariff of legal, or, to use a pleasanter term, legitimate charges. We never go to law, as a body, without strong compulsion or strong temptation. When we yield to either force, it is only becoming in us to give our brothers the full benefit of our experience.

With this object in view, I have put the cases of *Jackson v. Gee* and *Crossley v. Morley* into pamphlet form, for the benefit of the profession at large. To indemnify myself against unnecessary loss, I have priced the compilation at threepence, and have ordered 500 copies for distribution in the profession. The profession may judge from it whether we need a tariff sanctioned by the Medical Council, or whether we are to remain *in statu quo*, and pocket public abuse instead of pay for our professional services.

Against the practice of giving advice gratis, either in hospital or private practice, you have wisely cautioned the profession for years past; nay, more, you have rebuked and chastised, and marked the spot where charity begins, and where it ought to end, in what we do for the public weal. My plaintive appeal in this instance is, to invoke your aid in helping us through the county court, when *taken or driven* there; that we may in future avoid and avert the necessity of calling a brother to say black is white, or that brown is a genteel mixture of the two, the exact mixing of which "no fellow on earth can understand," though gifted with the genius of a Sergeant Miller as judge. I am, etc., JOHN A. BOLTON.

Campbell House, Leicester, January 3rd, 1865.

ENUCLEATION OF EYES. Whenever the eye is the seat of chronic inflammation and its sight is lost, it should be enucleated, says Dr. Mecker.

IS FEVER CONTAGIOUS? The Secretary of the London Fever Hospital writes as follows on this subject. "Contagion is stayed; or, to speak more correctly, is transferred from the habitations of the poor to the wards of the hospital, where the officers, nurses, and servants not unfrequently become its victims. I find that during the present year two assistant medical officers were attacked, one of whom died. Seventeen of the nurses had typhus, three of whom died. The engineer also had typhus, and died; and at the present moment the excellent matron of the hospital is in a hazardous condition under typhus. Referring to the last three months of 1863, I observe that within that short period the resident medical officer and two assistant medical officers, together with four nurses, had typhus. One of the nurses died. The proportion of casualties among those whose humane vocation it is to grapple with disease here exceeds that of the battle-field."

Medical News.

APOTHECARIES' HALL. On December 29th, 1864, the following Licentiates were admitted:—

Chabot, Frederick, Camberwell Road
Goss, Tregenna Biddulph, Newington Place, Kennington Park
Harris, Henry George Benvenuto, Finchley
Hawkins, Henry Mortimer, St. Mary's Road, Peckham

At the same Court, the following passed the first examination:—

Loane, John, London Hospital

APPOINTMENTS.

VALPY, W. H., Esq., to be Colonial Surgeon for Her Majesty's Settlements in the Falkland Islands.

ARMY.

ABBOTT, Assistant-Surgeon F. T., 41st Foot, to be Staff-Surgeon.
ABBOTT, Staff-Surgeon F. T., to be Surgeon 24th Foot, *vice* J. L. Holloway.
ARMSTRONG, Staff-Surgeon L., M.D., to be Surgeon 13th Hussars, *vice* H. M. Webb, M.D.
HOLLOWAY, Surgeon J. L., 24th Foot, to be Staff-Surgeon, *vice* J. D. C. Reade.
KELLY, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon J., to be Assistant-Surgeon Royal Artillery, *vice* J. A. Scott.
MACBETH, Assistant-Surgeon H. M., 91st Foot, to be Staff-Assistant-Surgeon, *vice* J. A. Scott.
MACBETH, Surgeon-Major J., M.D., 74th Foot, to be Surgeon 16th Lancers, *vice* W. K. Park.
MAKER, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon V., to be Assistant-Surgeon 41st Foot, *vice* F. T. Abbott.
MUNRO, Surgeon W., M.D. 93rd Foot, to be Surgeon-Major, having completed twenty years' full-pay service.
SCOTT, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon J. A., to be Assistant-Surgeon 91st Foot, *vice* H. M. Macbeth.
WEBB, Surgeon H. M., M.D., 13th Hussars, to be Staff-Surgeon, *vice* L. Armstrong, M.D.
WHITE, Staff-Surgeon C. J., to be Surgeon 64th Foot, *vice* J. Macbeth, M.D.

ROYAL NAVY.

BANKS, George F., Esq., Surgeon (additional), to the *Maander*.
COWAN, Michael W., M.D., Surgeon, to the *Zebra*.
CRAIG, Thomas, Esq., Surgeon, to the *Rattlesnake*.
RYAN, George H., Esq., Surgeon, to the *Shannon*.

INDIAN ARMY. To be Surgeons-Major, Bengal Army:—

ANDERSON, Surgeon J., M.D. (now Deputy Inspector-General).
BROWN, Surgeon J., C.B. (now Deputy Inspector-General).
BRUCE, Surgeon H. A., M.D. (now Inspector-General).
BRYDON, Surgeon W., C.B. (retired).
BUCKLE, Surgeon H. B.
CAMPELL, Surgeon J., M.D., C.B.
CAPE, Surgeon H.
CHRISTIE, Surgeon R. (retired).
EATWELL, Surgeon W. C. B. (retired).
FRANCIS, Surgeon C. R., M.B.
GIBBON, Surgeon A. (retired).
LAY, Surgeon P. G. (retired).
LECKIE, Surgeon T., M.D. (retired).
MCLELLAND, Surgeon J. (officiating Principal Inspector-General).
MARTIN, Surgeon W. (retired).
MORRISON, Surgeon A. C. (retired).
MORRISON, Surgeon J. S., M.D.
OAKLEY, Surgeon R. H.
PITT, Surgeon W. (retired).
RAE, Surgeon G. (retired).
RANSFORD, Senior Surgeon J. (retired).
ROSS, Surgeon W. H. B. (retired).
SAUNDERS, Surgeon G.
SIMPSON, Surgeon A., M.D., M.A.
STAIG, Surgeon J. A. (retired).
STREVER, Surgeon T. R. (retired).
THORNTON, Surgeon H. J. (retired).
THRING, Surgeon E. B.
WALLICH, Surgeon G. C., M.D. (retired).
WARNEFORD, Surgeon C., M.D.
WHITE, Surgeon A., M.D. (retired).
WOOD, Surgeon J. (retired).

To be Surgeons-Major, Madras Army:—

BLACKWELL, Surgeon J. H.
CLEGHORN, Surg. H. F. C., M.D.
DUFF, Surgeon C. M., M.D.
FITZPATRICK, Surg. J. (retired).
FORRESTER, Surgeon W.
GOODALL, Surgeon A. (retired).
HARPER, Surgeon H. T. W.
HIBBERS, Surgeon W. (retired).
HEUDE, Surgeon W. W., M.D.
KANE, Surgeon M., M.D.
KELLIE, Surgeon J. (retired).
LOVELL, Surgeon J. (retired).
MACLEOD, Surgeon A. C., M.D.
NORT, Surgeon H.

To be Surgeons, Bengal Army:—

BAILLIE, Assistant-Surgeon G. O., M.D.
 BUTT, Assistant-Surgeon W. R.
 CLARKE, Assistant-Surgeon J. J.
 DALE, Assistant-Surgeon A. J., M.B.
 DALY, Assistant-Surgeon G. H., M.D.
 DALZEL, Assistant-Surgeon W. F. B., M.D.
 PARTIDGE, Assistant-Surgeon S. B. (Brevet-Surgeon).
 PASKE, Assistant-Surgeon T. SIMPSON, Assistant-Surgeon B., M.D., A.B.
 SPRY, Assistant-Surgeon H. W. TAYLOR, Assistant-Surgeon E. TUSON, Assistant-Surgeon J. A., M.D.
 YOUNG, Assistant-Surgeon A.

To be Surgeons, Madras Army:—

GIBBS, Assistant-Surgeon J. G.
 MARRETT, Assistant-Surgeon H. R. D.
 MILLER, Assistant-Surgeon J., M.D.
 OSWALD, Assistant-Surgeon H. R., M.D.
 PAUL, Assistant-Surgeon J. L., M.D., A.M.
 KENTON, Assistant-Surgeon A. A., M.D.
 ROGERS, Assistant-Surgeon C. J.
 WALKER, Assistant-Surgeon G. W.
 WARRING, Assistant-Surgeon F. J. WILLIAMS, Assistant-Surgeon J. T.
 WILSON, Assistant-Surgeon J.

VOLUNTEERS, (A.V.=Artillery Volunteers; R.V.=Rifle Volunteers):—

HEAD, R. T., Esq., to be Hon. Assistant-Surgeon 5th Sussex R.V.
 HESSELEGRAVE, J., Esq., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon 34th Yorkshire R.V.

DEATHS.

BOWLER, J., Esq., Surgeon Royal Navy, lately.
 EARLE. On December 23rd, 1864, at Ripon, France, wife of Francis Earle, M.D.
 FAIRBAIRN, W. C., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon Royal Navy, lately.
 FLYNN, Thomas P., Esq., Staff-Assistant-Surgeon, lately.
 GRANT, George A., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon Royal Artillery, lately.
 JONES, D., Esq., Surgeon Royal Navy, lately.
 KELLY, A. H., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon Royal Navy, lately.
 *MOORE, Edward Denniss, Esq., fourth son of the late Brigadier-General George Moore, Colonel 59th Regiment, Bengal Army, at Walsall, aged 31, on December 24, 1864.
 *NEILL, Hugh, L.R.C.P. Ed., at Liverpool, aged 53, on December 21st, 1864.
 O'LOUGHLIN, James, M.D., at Bayswater, aged 69, on Dec. 19, 1864.
 PARK, Wm. Ker, Esq., Surgeon 16th Lancers, lately.
 PORTS, T. W. B., M.D., at Matlock Bridge, Derbyshire, aged 41, on December 23rd, 1864.
 RATTY, W., Esq., Surgeon Royal Navy, lately.
 RICARDS, J. B., Esq., Surgeon Royal Navy, lately.
 SIMPSON, William, M.B., Surgeon 71st Foot, lately.
 WOOD, C. B., Esq., Surgeon Royal Navy, lately.
 YOUNG, E., M.D., at Croydon, on January 2.

DR. GEORGE KEMP is a candidate for the Coronership of Leominster.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH. The Duke of Argyle has been elected President of the Associated Societies of the University of Edinburgh. There were four candidates, the Duke of Argyle, Lord Ardmillan, Professor Christison, and Sir Archibald Alison.

DEATH OF A NAVAL SURGEON FROM ACCIDENT. The *Jamaica Guardian* says: "We learn from a private source that a lamentable occurrence took place on board Her Majesty's ship *Steady*, between Bermuda and Halifax. The surgeon, who was unwell, took a sleeping draught, which, from the disordered action of the heart or the too large quantity taken, proved fatal; for, on a brother officer going to call him the next day, the unfortunate man was found dead."

A NEW MINERAL. Professor Church, of the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, has recently been describing a new mineral from Australia. It is a sort of combustible shale, which occurs near the River Mersey, north side of Tasmania, and from it Professor Church has extracted a substance which he calls *tasmanite*. It seems to resist the action of all but sulphuric and nitric acids; alcohol, ether, and other powerful solvents have no action upon it, even on the application of heat, and its composition chiefly consists of carbon, hydrogen, and sulphur. When *tasmanite* is heated in the air, it burns readily with a very smoky flame and offensive odour, recalling that of some specimens of Canadian petroleum.

THE STATUE OF LAENNEC. The sum of 965 francs has been up to this time subscribed to the fund opened by the French Medical Association for raising a statue to Laennec.

DEATH THROUGH CHLOROFORM. At Leeds, on December 28th, an inquest was held upon the body of Mr. Blaxland, a tea-dealer. The deceased, who was in a weak state of health, had for some time taken chloroform for the purpose of easing pain and obtaining sleep. A medical man warned him several times against the danger of doing so, and on December 25th he was found dead, with a bottle by his side partly filled with chloroform. A verdict was returned in accordance with the evidence.

FATAL EXPLOSION. Mr. Crowther, "dealer in oxygen and hydrogen," Manchester, and his son, have been killed by the explosion of an iron retort, in which the father was making oxygen from a mixture of binoxide of manganese and chlorate of potash, or what he had bought as such. At inquest held on his body, however, a verdict of manslaughter was returned against Mr. E. G. Hughes, a druggist, who had sold the mixture the deceased was operating with, which mixture was analysed by Dr. Roscoe, and found to be composed of manganese, chlorate of potash, and something that was either soot, lamp-black, or charcoal. Such a mixture, Dr. Roscoe said, would be as explosive as gunpowder.

THE CHARGE AGAINST MR. BOWEN. At a meeting of medical practitioners at Birkenhead on the 27th ult., *apropos* of the case *Pryce v. Bowen*, the following resolutions were unanimously passed. "That this meeting desires to express its deep sympathy with Dr. Bowen on the vexatious trial to which he has been subjected in the case of *Pryce v. Bowen*, and begs to offer its sincere congratulations on the very satisfactory manner in which his professional skill has been vindicated by its result." "That this meeting strongly deprecates the conduct of medical men appearing in court as experts to give evidence against their professional brethren." "That a subscription list be opened to assist in defraying the legal expenses incurred by Dr. Bowen in the late trial." "That Dr. Scholfield be requested to act as treasurer, and Mr. Godden as honorary secretary, to communicate with the profession at large with a view to obtain subscriptions."

PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON. The annual meeting of this Society was held on January 3rd, 1865. In the report for the session 1863-64, the Council stated that the number of members was in advance of what it was last year—more new members having joined during the past session than in any other of which a record has been preserved. The receipts for the year, however, were somewhat less than in the previous year; but this was because in 1862-63 several members availed themselves of the privilege of compounding for all future payments by a life-subscription, while in 1863-64 none did so. This, however, was no permanent disadvantage; since if it diminished the present receipts, it increased the future annual income. This annual income was now more wanted than ever. The large rent lately imposed by the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society for the use of their rooms taxed the resources of this Society to the utmost. Still it had been thought undesirable to move from a situation which is so convenient and so well known to the members; and, as a saving had been effected on the cost of the present volume, as compared with the last, the income of the Society had been still adequate to meet its expenditure, and even to leave a slightly increased balance in the treasurer's hands. This saving in the

cost of the *Transactions* was the result partly of a reduction voluntarily made by the printer (in consequence of change of prices in that trade), but mainly of a diminished expenditure on engravings. The interest felt in the Society's meetings appeared to be steadily on the increase. Not only were the new members of the Society assuming their full share of the work, but the latest volumes of the *Transactions*, and the latest meetings of the Society, had been enriched by the matured experience of many of the older members. The increasing number of the members of the Society rendered some increase necessary in the number of copies of the *Transactions*. The number now published left only a very small margin for purchase by future members and the public. Several of the volumes were already out of print, and several more must be so in a very short time. A general index to the whole series of the fifteen volumes of the *Transactions* had been prepared, and was in course of distribution to the members. The total receipts of the Society, including a balance from last year of £78:2:6½, amounted to £430:3:4½. Of this sum £27:14:1 resulted from the sale of the *Transactions*—a very large increase on last year; £8:5:9 was interest on the Society's funded property; and the remainder, £316:10:0, was received by the collector. The total expenses were £343:2:3½; leaving a balance of £87:1:1 to carry forward. These expenses included a sum of £45:3:0 for the purchase of stock, £49:7:11 three per cent. Consols. The money represented the life subscriptions and composition fees which it had always been customary to invest. This made the funded property of the Society £308:11:4. The Council could not allow the retirement of their medical secretary, Dr. Bristowe, to occur without publicly recording their high sense of the valuable services which he has rendered to the Society in that capacity; and hoped that, although they had lost his services as secretary, they might long have the benefit of his co-operation in other offices.

ALLEGED MURDER. Mr. R. Smith, of Winchcomb, Gloucestershire, was last week charged with the murder of his wife by shooting her through the head. Mr. Smith was formerly in practice as a surgeon, but had retired for some years, and lived with his wife alone, without a regular servant, in Winchcomb. He was very eccentric in his manner, but his eccentricities were not considered by his friends great enough to warrant them in placing him under restraint. On Tuesday week a shot was heard in his house. Next morning the prisoner went to his brother, and told his sons that their mother had been shot. Most of the witnesses bore testimony to the fact that the prisoner was of unsound mind. The policeman who apprehended him said he considered he had been in an unsound state of mind for the last five years. At times he had been in such an excited state as to call for his interference. A juryman stated that he had seen him with a fishing-rod fishing in the turnpike road. Mr. Newman (surgeon) said that ever since he had known the prisoner, twenty years, he had considered him in an unsound state of mind. The jury found a verdict of "Wilful Murder" against Richard Smith, and wished to append to their verdict an opinion of his insanity, but the coroner said that must be left to another court. The prisoner was accordingly committed for trial at the next Gloucestershire Spring assizes.

DISCOVERY OF A MAMMOTH. At a late meeting of the Manchester Philosophical Society, Mr. William Brockbank read a paper, "On the Discovery of the Bones of the Mammoth (*Elephas primigenius*) in a Fissure of the Carboniferous Limestone at Water-

houses, near Leek." A considerable number of bones were found at Waterhouses some weeks since; but, through ignorance of their real character, they became dispersed without attracting attention, a good many having been used to manure the land by a neighbouring farmer. A few of these bones reached the author, and were at once identified as belonging to the skeleton of an elephant. A further search was determined upon; and the author succeeded in finding a large number of bones. Mr. Wardle and Mr. Green, of the Geological Survey, again visited the place, and found very decided fragments of teeth. A large number of bones were submitted to the Society: amongst which were one humerus nearly complete, and part of the second; parts of the pelvis and scapula; one ulna; several carpal and metacarpal bones; the head of the tibia; several fragments of tusks and two fine fragments of teeth, showing very clearly the peculiar narrow transverse plates and ridges of the dentine and enamel by which the teeth of this elephant are distinguished. The fissure in which these bones were found occurs in the upper beds of the carboniferous limestone, and has been exposed by the workings of a quarry. The face of the limestone in the quarry is nearly east and west; and the fissure follows the dip and direction of the strata, being nearly vertical. It is about six feet in width, and is filled up with angular blocks of limestone, cemented together at the sides of the fissure into a solid breccia, the stones being coated with stalagmite, whilst the centre is filled in with angular rubble and damp ochreous clay. The bones were recovered in good condition from the breccia on the drier side of the fissure; but those occurring amongst the damp clay and rubble were so friable that it was quite impossible to save them. Large numbers of ivory flakes were found, which proved to be the remains of the teeth; and one large fragment of tooth was obtained which was decomposing into these flakes. At the furthest point reached, were discovered a humerus in the socket of the scapula, with the head of another humerus resting upon it at the other end, and two cervical vertebrae were found near the scapula. These were the only bones found in their relative positions. It was conjectured that the mammoth had fallen into the narrow fissure before it was filled in. Mr. Wardle found several fragments of the teeth fifteen or twenty feet below the point where the bones occurred. The author had not been able to find any record of the occurrence of the remains of the mammoth in any work on the geology of Derbyshire or Staffordshire.—Mr. Binney said that Mr. Brockbank was mistaken in supposing that no remains of the elephant had hitherto been found in Derbyshire. The late Mr. White Watson, in his *Delineation of the Strata of Derbyshire*, says: "About the year 1663, a large cavern was discovered in sinking for lead ore, upon a hill at Balleve, within two miles of Wirksworth; in which a large skeleton was found, which, in the original account of its discovery, is said to be 'that of a man, that his brain-pan would have held two bushels of corn, and that it was so big they could not get it out of the mine without breaking it.' Several of its teeth were distributed in the neighbourhood, one of which is in the writer's possession. The tooth is ivory; and, when compared with the *dentures molares* of an elephant, no difference can be found." About twenty-five years since, the late Mr. James Meadows presented to the Manchester Geological Society a portion of the tusk of an elephant which he had found in a limestone fissure near Chapel-en-le-Frith. Mr. F. Looney, in his list of organic remains, says: "Part of a molar tooth of the Asiatic elephant was found at Adlington, near Macclesfield."

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

TUESDAY....Guy's, 1½ P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

WEDNESDAY...St. Mary's, 1 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.

THURSDAY....St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—London Surgical Home, 2 P.M.—Royal Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

FRIDAY.....Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

SATURDAY....St. Thomas's, 1 P.M.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1.30 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 P.M.—Lock, Clinical Demonstration and Operations, 1 P.M.—Royal Free, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY. Medical Society of London, 8 P.M. Dr. B. W. Richardson, "On Inhalation in the Treatment of Disease."

TUESDAY. Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8.30 P.M. Mr. Furneaux Jordan, "On Eczema of the Eyelids, Conjunctiva, and Cornea"; Mr. Desvignes, "On Subcutaneous Injection of Quinine in Ague"; Dr. Dobell, "On Winter Cough."

REGISTRATION OF DISEASE.

MONTHLY RETURN of new cases of disease coming under treatment at Pauper and Public Institutions. (A.) In Manchester and Salford (Sanitary Association). (B.) At Preston (R. C. Brown, Esq.). (C.) At St. Marylebone, London (Dr. Whitmore).

4 weeks ending November 26, 1864.

	A.	B.	C.
Small-Pox	94	4
Chicken-Pox	6	21
Measles	63	52	115
Scarlatina	74	90	53
Diphtheria	—	—	2
Whooping-Cough	28	1	56
Croup	4	2	2
Diarrhoea	117	49	413
Dysentery	9	6	4
Frysypelas	39	4	26
Insanity	26	4	12
Bronchitis and Catarrh	987	164	1048
Pleurisy and Pneumonia	92	16	33
Carbuncle	—	—	4
Accidents and other diseases ..	4413	528	3378
Totals	5952	920	5201

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A SUGGESTION.—SIR: I was glad to see your remarks upon the professional correspondence from Broseley. It is not very creditable to us to have this kind of professional dispute circulated in our JOURNAL. Would it not have been better if the two gentlemen had referred their grievances to the Council of the Shropshire Ethical Branch of our Association? Of which Branch, I believe, they are both members. What is an Ethical Society for, if not to settle such points? And why bring them before the public (medical), if they can be decided at home?

I am, etc.,

QUERY.

MR. HOLMES'S SYSTEM OF SURGERY.—SIR: Allow me to call your attention to an error in the following paragraph from the review of *A System of Surgery*, vol. iv, in your last number.

"Mr. Holmes writes on Operations in Childhood; and on Malformations—including attached foetus, congenital sacral tumour; congenital malformation of the face; spina bifida; imperforate rectum; malformations of the umbilicus; hermaphroditism; malformation of skin; and malformation of limbs. Mr. Brodhurst writes on Congenital Dislocations and Fractures in Utero. Mr. Shaw supplies remarks on Congenital Tumours, Congenital and Infantile Syphilis, Infantile Paralysis, Gangrene, Leucorrhœa, Tumours of the Vagina, Rickets, Lateral Distortion of the Spine, and Pigeon-breast Deformity."

Of the subjects here attributed to Mr. Shaw, only the two last—viz., Lateral Distortion of the Spine and Pigeon-breast Deformity—were treated by him; the other sections are written by me. If your reviewer will look again either at the text or the table of contents, I think he will find this plainly stated.

I am, etc.,

T. HOLMES.

22, Queen Street, May Fair, W., January 2nd, 1865.

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