

would say) to the souls of mankind. Now what more, reasoning according to the exactest rules of logic laid down in *Whately's Essays*, does the College of Surgeons when it says that, as far as in it lies, it will have no connection with, but will arrest the course of the preachers and practisers of a delusion which it knows to be fatally destructive to the bodies of mankind? The College obeys its conscience, just as the Archbishop would, in the case supposed, tell us he followed the dictates of his conscience in the arresting process. If, then, the College be a persecutor in this way, so likewise would his grace be equally a persecutor in the case supposed.

The truth is, despite of his logic, he has fallen into the common error of confounding together things which have no connexion, and then arguing of them as of similars. If the College of Surgeons had attempted to put down the homeopath or the mesmerist as homeopath or mesmerist, it would, indeed, have acted the part of persecutor; just as his grace would have acted the part of persecutor, if he had attempted to put down the Mahomedan as Mahomedan. The College forbids its members to deal with those things which they know and admit to be false and hurtful to humanity's body, and there it stops. As far as the College is concerned, the whole world can fall down and worship the brazen or golden images of homeopathy and mesmerism, only it publicly declares that the College will have no responsibility in the evil things by giving them even a tacit sanction. Just so, again, acts his grace. "As a Mahomedan," he tells his misguided brother, "you are at liberty to preach Islamism as loudly and as long as you please to the four winds of Heaven—at least in this land of liberty; but I cannot accept the responsibility of allowing you to preach these doctrines as a member of the Church of England." But if his grace thus acted and said, would he think the world just in applying to him (as it ought to do if his logic be true) the language which, in the above letter, he has applied to the Dublin College of Surgeons?

#### THE WEEK.

At an ordinary general meeting of the Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians, held on Monday last, Drs. Hawkins, Guy, Black, and F. Weber, were elected to fill vacancies on the Council; and Dr. Gull was elected to fill the vacancy on the Council occasioned by Dr. Watson having been chosen President of the College. At the same meeting, the University of Athens was added to the other Universities already qualifying candidates for admission to the examinations of this College.

DR. W. T. GAIRDNER has been appointed Physician to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary; the death of Dr. Joseph Bell having, thus early after Dr. Gairdner's appointment to the Chair of Medicine in the University, produced a vacancy in the Infirmary.

## Association Intelligence.

### NOTICE REGARDING NEW MEMBERS.

By desire of the Committee of Council, the General Secretary requests that the Local Secretaries will be good enough to forward to him the names of all New Members who join the Association through the Branches; as otherwise the JOURNAL cannot be sent to them.

PHILIP H. WILLIAMS, M.D., *General Secretary.*  
Worcester, November 10th, 1862.

### WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.

A *conversazione* meeting will be held at Clarke's Hotel, Taunton, on January 7th, 1863, at 7 P.M.

Gentlemen desirous of communicating papers or cases, are requested to send notice to the Honorary Secretary.

W. M. KELLY, M.D., *Hon. Sec.*

### LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.

#### REGISTRATION OF DISEASE.

THE following document has been issued by a Subcommittee of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch.

"SIR,—At a meeting of the Council of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch of the British Medical Association, held October 24, 1862, it was resolved—

"That a Subcommittee be appointed to consider and report on the best means of carrying out the registration of disease in large towns, and that the following gentlemen constitute such Committee, viz., Dr. Wilkinson, Dr. Noble, Mr. Mellor, and Mr. A. Ransome."

"It seems certain that many valuable results would follow the establishment of a systematic registration of disease, which should record weekly the relative amount and kind of disease prevalent at any one time in all the chief towns of a district. It would shew the influence upon sickness of the varying conditions of climate and season, of prosperity or distress of the trades and manufactures, or of any other circumstances peculiar to the district. It would afford a means of speedily detecting the advance of an epidemic, and of studying its course; and thus it would be most valuable to the inhabitants of the several towns comprised within the district in which it was made, giving them exact and timely intelligence of the presence of disease, and enabling them promptly to deal with it.

"After careful consideration, therefore, the Committee beg to propose the following scheme, by which a weekly registration of the deaths, and of the relative amount of certain kinds of disease, might be carried on regularly, without much trouble or expense, in all the chief towns of this district, including such places as Ashton-under-Lyne, Blackburn, Bolton, Chester, Liverpool, Oldham, Preston, Rochdale, Stockport, Warrington.

"In each of these towns a small Committee should be formed of gentlemen interested in the subject, who should invite the assistance of all those medical gentlemen in the town or neighbourhood who hold public appointments, whether to hospitals, gaols, workhouses, or poor-law unions. Exertions should be made to enlist all such public medical officers, so that the returns might represent, as accurately as possible, the relative amount of disease prevailing in the community. At the same time, the cooperation of the registrars of deaths should, if possible, be secured, so that returns might also be obtained of the *total* number of deaths occurring each week, which might check the number of diseases, and also afford some measure of the fatality of these diseases. Each gentleman consenting to contribute to such a

return should be furnished with a set of forms, similar to those enclosed, to be by him filled up each week with the number of the new cases of the different diseases there mentioned, which have come under his care during the week preceding. The deaths, also, which had occurred during the same period, should be entered in the column provided for them. These returns, when filled up, could then be posted to the address of any one member of the local Committee, who would undertake to receive them, compile them into a single return for the district, and then forward them to the central offices of the Association in London.

"The expense of carrying out this scheme would be almost confined to the printing of the forms, and their postage from the various contributors (about six shillings a year for each separate section). Many inhabitants in each town would be willing to subscribe a small sum, for the sake of possessing such valuable records as these would be likely to prove.

"Might I ask that you would kindly give me your opinion as to the practicability of carrying out this plan in your town, and whether you would assist in the work, or could point out some medical man in the neighbourhood who would give it his earnest cooperation.

"I am, sir, yours sincerely,  
"ARTHUR RANSOME, Hon. Sec.

"No. 1, St. Peter's Square, Manchester."

*Manchester and Salford Sanitary Association.* Return of Births and Deaths in the Ancoats District, for the week ending Saturday, 186

Causes of Death.	No.	Remarks.
Small-pox	- - - - -	..
Measles	- - - - -	..
Whooping-cough	- - - - -	..
Scarlatina	- - - - -	..
Diarrhoea	- - - - -	..
Fever	- - - - -	..
Disease of the lungs	- - - - -	..
Other causes not classified	- - - - -	..
Total No. of deaths	- - - - -	..
Total No. of births	- - - - -	..

(Signed)

*District Registrar,*

It is particularly requested that this Return may be posted not later than Monday in each week.

#### MIDLAND BRANCH: QUARTERLY MEETING.

A QUARTERLY meeting of this Branch was held in the Board-room of the Lincoln County Hospital on Friday evening, December 12th; T. SYMPSON, Esq., President, in the chair. Ten members were also present.

The PRESIDENT gave a short address.

*Papers.* The following papers were read:—

1. On the Advantage of Retaining the Staff in the Bladder during the Operation of Lithotomy. By E. MORRIS, M.D., Spalding.

2. The Difficulties of Signing Certificates of Lunacy under the Existing State of the Law; with Cases. By F. D. WALSH, Esq., Lincoln.

The members, after a most agreeable meeting, were hospitably entertained by Mr. LOWE.

#### LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: ORDINARY MEETING.

An ordinary meeting of the members of this Branch was held on Thursday, the 18th instant, at the Infirmary, Chester; T. W. CALLON, M.D., Vice-President, in the chair. There were present twenty-five members and visitors.

*Papers.* The following papers were read:—

1. On some Facts and Observations in Obstetrics. By G. C. WATSON, M.D., Chester.

2. Two Cases of Volvulus. By E. WATERS, M.D., Chester.

3. On the Treatment of Ascites and Anasarca. By J. B. NEVINS, M.D., Liverpool.

4. A Case of Thoracic Aneurism. By M. A. E. WILKINSON, M.D., Manchester.

After the meeting, the members dined together at the Albion; G. SOUTHAM, Esq., President, in the chair.

## Correspondence.

### DR. TWEEDIE AND HIS REVIEWER.

LETTER FROM A. TWEEDIE, M.D.

SIR,—The remarks of the reviewer of my *Lectures on Fevers*, in the last number of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, render an explanation on my part imperative; and I feel satisfied that, when I have made my statement, my medical brethren will not feel disposed to endorse the charge of plagiarism brought against me.

Let me state, then, in the first place, that six years ago, when I acceded to the request of the President to deliver a course of lectures at the College of Physicians on the Pathology of Fevers, I determined to avail myself of the ample store of facts recorded in the register of cases kept with great accuracy at the Fever Hospital. This, as one of the attending physicians, I had a right to do; but, in sketching for myself the statistical information I should require, I perceived that the mechanical details would involve a much greater sacrifice of time and labour, than my other avocations, with the addition of the preparation of my lectures, would allow. In looking round for assistance in extracting the details from the hospital register, according to the plan I proposed, I mentioned incidentally my dilemma to Dr. MURCHISON, who had been recently appointed junior assistant-physician to the hospital. He kindly offered his assistance, for which I felt grateful, as it allowed me to bestow more time on other parts of a subject so extensive as the pathology of fevers.

Although I should have been satisfied with a shorter average, he suggested that the inquiry should embrace the experience of the hospital for the preceding ten years; and I readily adopted the amended plan, pointing out to him the arrangement of the tables according to my ideas. After much delay, necessitated by the nature of the undertaking, the tables were produced, to which were appended such deductions as some of the details brought out. The manuscript was handed to me by Dr. MURCHISON, with the distinct understanding on his part that it was to be used for my lectures; and, accordingly, I had them transferred to canvas, and suspended in the theatre of the College for the purpose of illustrating my observations.

Soon afterwards, Dr. MURCHISON mentioned to me that he was preparing a paper for the Medico-Chirurgical Society, on the Etiology of Fevers, in which he intended to introduce these tables. This paper was read at the Society *two months at least after my first series of lectures was delivered*; so that I had no opportunity of doing more than to acknowledge to my audience my obligations to Dr. MURCHISON for the assistance he had rendered me in preparing the tables under my direction. I may also incidentally mention, that for much statistical matter he was indebted to me; for I communicated freely and unreservedly to him the information I received from my correspondence with leading provincial physicians in regard to recent prevalence of fevers, and their types as they had observed them. Dr. MURCHISON attended my lectures at the College, and I will not say that he pro-

properly lie against Dr. Semple; but, had there been two such, and the action had been brought, it must have been against both the authors of them, who would have defended themselves conjointly.

I think it is a case for the medical profession to take up; and should it not be done through the British Medical Association? For, if I have stated the facts correctly, and my law of the case be correct (which may be very doubtful, of course), then it must be admitted that Dr. Semple has been cruelly victimised, and the legal rather than the medical profession lies under a load of disgrace. I shall certainly subscribe to the fund necessary for the vindication of Dr. Semple, either by a new trial, or any other means which may be advised. As the law stands at present, I would advise medical men, when called in to certify as to insanity, to take with them their solicitor, or the minister of the parish, or chief constable, and take notes there and then of what passes; and, if additional expense is incurred, have it paid, and further insist upon an ample and honourable fee being paid to themselves for such a risky business.

I ought to have stated above, that had Dr. Semple's certificate been a legal document, on which Hall could have been confined, notwithstanding Mr. Guy's "unamended" and informal one, then the Commissioners would hardly have ventured to discharge the patient in the summary way they did.

I am, etc., G. BODINGTON.

Sutton Coldfield, December 22nd, 1862.

## Medical News.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS.** At the ordinary general meeting of the Fellows, held on Monday, Dec. 22nd, the following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examination, were duly admitted members of the College:—

Cayley, William, M.D., 14, Old Burlington Street  
Gervis, Henry, M.D., 12, St. Thomas's Street, Borough  
Montgomery, Edmund, M.D., 25, Queen's Road, Regent's Park  
Pearl, Geoffrey, M.D., 47, Victoria Street, Westminster  
Thompson, Edmund Symes, M.D., 3, Upper George Street, Portman Square  
Tonge, Morris, M.B., 3, Lancaster Terrace, Hyde Park Gardens  
Tuckwell, Henry Matthews, M.B., Oxford

At the same meeting, the following gentleman, having undergone the necessary examination, and satisfied the College of his proficiency in the science and practice of Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery, was duly admitted to practise Physic as a Licentiate of the College:—  
Nicholson, Edmund Curtis, Dublin

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.** At a meeting of the Council, on Dec. 18th, the following members of the College were reported to have undergone the necessary examinations for the Fellowship, to the satisfaction of the Court of Examiners.

Adams, William, Harrington Square: diploma of membership dated July 5, 1850  
Bodington, George Fowler, Cleveland Terrace, Middlesbrough: November 9, 1849  
Brown, Robert Charles, Preston, Lancashire: Nov. 5, 1858  
Helson, Hector, Doughty Street, Mecklenburgh Sq.: August 14, 1846  
Hutchinson, Jonathan, Finsbury Circus: August 2, 1850  
Mason, Francis, Conduit Street, Hanover Square: July 23, 1858  
Sharpin, Henry Wilson, Bedford: March 22, 1850  
Watson, William Spencer, Southampton Street: July 3, 1857

The following members of the College having been elected Fellows at previous meetings of the Council, were admitted as such on December 18th.

Davies, David, Aberdare: diploma of membership dated August 18, 1843  
Hall, William, Lancaster: July 17, 1840  
Holbrow, Anthony, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire: March 5, 1819  
Keys, George F., Warwick Street, Regent Street: April 16, 1841  
Morton, David Thomas, H.M. Indian Army: July 8, 1836  
Roberts, Richard Chambers, Ruabon, Wales: Dec. 17, 1837

**APOTHECARIES' HALL.** On December 18th, the following Licentiates were admitted:—

Deans, John, Melbourne, Derbyshire  
Douglass, George, Gateshead-on-Tyne  
Evers, Charles, St. Bartholomew's Hospital  
Foster, Balthazar Walter, Queen's College, Birmingham  
Lyell, Henry, Guy's Hospital  
Mallam, Henry Parr, Southampton Street  
Pearce, Francis Drake, Kingsbridge, Devon  
Pointer, George Augustus, Camden Town

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

Burrell, Edwin, Guy's Hospital  
Haigh, Thomas Hinchliffe, Leeds  
M'Nair, Frederick, Guy's Hospital  
Sutton, Frederick, Guy's Hospital  
Wey, William John, Middlesex Hospital

## APPOINTMENTS.

BUMPSTEAD, Thomas B., Esq., appointed Surgeon to the Cambridge County Gaol, in the room of the late A. W. Thurnall, Esq.

\*COOPER, W. White, Esq., appointed Consulting Ophthalmic Surgeon to St. Mary's Hospital.

CURRIE, Ronald, M.D., appointed Resident Surgeon to the Birmingham Lying-in Hospital.

DICKSON, Walter, M.D., R.N., appointed Medical Inspector to the Board of Customs, in the room of the late James O. McWilliam, M.D., C.B.

GAIRDNER, William T., M.D., elected Physician to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, in the room of the late \*Joseph Bell, M.D.

GENTLE, Peter, M.D., appointed House-Surgeon to the Northern Infirmary, Inverness.

HARVEY, Alexander, M.D., elected Physician to the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, in the room of the late George J. Nicoll, M.D.

\*HART, Ernest, Esq., appointed Ophthalmic Surgeon to St. Mary's Hospital, in the room of \*W. W. Cooper, Esq.

LIDDARD, Thomas, Esq., appointed Resident Surgeon to the Birmingham Lying-in Hospital.

\*MCLEOD, George H. B., M.D., appointed a District Medical Inspector of Glasgow, in the room of the late \*Joseph Bell, M.D.

MALLETT, Frederic B., M.D., appointed Assistant House-Surgeon to the Bolton-le-Moors Infirmary.

PETTIGREW, James, M.D., appointed Assistant Conservator in the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons.

THOMSON, William, Esq., appointed House-Surgeon to the London-derry Infirmary.

## ARMY.

HEATH, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon R. E., M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon 88th Foot. vice T. R. Williams, M.B.

O'BRIEN, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon T. M., to be Assistant-Surgeon 95th Foot. vice A. H. Orpen.

WHITE, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon R., to be Assistant-Surgeon 23rd Foot, vice T. F. Langstaff.

To be Staff-Assistant-Surgeons:—

LANGSTAFF, Assistant-Surgeon T. F., 23rd Foot.

OPEN, Assistant-Surgeon A. H., 95th Foot.

WILLIAMS, Assistant-Surgeon T. R., M.B., 88th Foot.

## INDIAN ARMY.

HOMAN, Surgeon S. A., Bengal Army, to be Surgeon-Major.

LITTLER, Surgeon J. H., M.D., Bengal Army, to be Surgeon-Major.

SMITH, Surgeon-Major C. I., Madras Army, to be Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals.

SMITH, Assistant-Surgeon G., M.D., Madras Army, to be Surgeon.

## ROYAL NAVY.

COURTENAY, Joshua P., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Excellent*.

YARDE, William, M.D., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Industry*.

## DEATHS.

BINGLEY. On December 13th, aged 23, William P. Bingley, Esq., of University College, London.

EAGLE, Francis, Esq., at 6, Bethnal Green Road, aged 53, on December 12.

HAWTHORNE, John S., Esq., Surgeon, at Liverpool, aged 36, on December 19.

HORTON, F. W. P., Esq., Surgeon, at North End, Fulham, aged 55, on December 17.

\*LYON, Edmund, M.D., at Manchester, aged 72, on December 17.

WESTMACOTT. On December 21, at 10, St. Mary's Terrace, Paddington, aged 13 months, Hamilton S. R., youngest son of John G. Westmacott, M.D.

**STORING OF PETROLEUM.** The Commissioners of Sewers of the City have refused licences to store petroleum to Mr. C. Hawkins, of Bishopsgate Street, and Messrs, Blundell, Spence and Co., of Upper Thames Street. The commissioners seemed disposed to prevent altogether the storing of petroleum within the city of London. (*Chemical News*.)

**GARIBALDI'S HEALTH.** The *Zenzero* of Florence announces that Garibaldi now leaves his bed, and can walk about on crutches in his room.

**VACANCIES.** The following appointments are vacant:—House surgeon to the Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire Infirmary and Dispensary, Cardiff; resident medical officer to the Eastern Dispensary, Bath; dispenser to the General Hospital, Nottingham; medical officer to the Wavertree district of the West Derby Union; assistant physician and clinical assistant at the Middlesex Hospital; the latter office is open to competitive examination among those educated at the hospital.

**LEEDS PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.** The new and handsome pile of buildings dedicated to the purposes of the Leeds Philosophical Society was formally inaugurated last week by an eloquent address from Professor Owen. The new and commodious edifice, which embraces within its walls an excellent library and a very complete museum, is in the Italian style of architecture, and has cost, in its enlargement and renovation, several thousands of pounds. The theatre in which the distinguished professor's inaugural address was given was crowded with a fashionable audience on Tuesday afternoon, the chair being occupied by Mr. T. P. Teale, president of the association. In the evening there was a brilliant *conversazione* in the new building, the ordinary attractions of which had been interestingly supplemented by loans of valuable paintings, statuary, and other objects of art.

**ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.** The Governors of this institution are understood to be negotiating with the Fishmongers' Company for the purchase of a plot of ground in the Walworth Road, a little beyond the Elephant and Castle, as a site for the new hospital. The piece of ground is between seven and eight acres in extent and is nearer the more populous portions of Southwark than the Surrey Gardens, and on a better level. The building in all its parts, it is said, could be erected simultaneously, whereas in such a locality as the Surrey Gardens it would have to be put up in sections. The Fishmongers' Company are understood to have offered the site to the hospital authorities for £40,000, *plus* certain expenses, which are not to exceed £5,000. The negotiation, of course, cannot be concluded without the approval of the Governors of the hospital.

**THE HUNTERIAN MUSEUM.** Mr. W. Lodewyk Crowther, surgeon of Tasmania, has presented to the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England two fine jaws of the sperm whale, captured off the South-west Cape of Tasmania, each measuring fifteen feet, and belonging to animals which yielded eleven tons of oil, realising in London the sum of £950. This esteemed member of our profession has also presented a jaw of the *Delphinus orca*, better known as the thrasher or whale's enemy. The Council of the College has just appointed Dr. James Pettigrew of Edinburgh, an assistant in their museum. This gentleman has already greatly distinguished himself, having attained the senior anatomy prize of the University of Edinburgh, for the best essay "On the Arrangement of the Muscular Fibres of the Ventricular Portion of the Vertebrate Heart." The researches on which this essay was founded, procured for him the honour of being appointed Croonian Lecturer to the Royal Society for 1860; and it has received the additional honour of publication in the *Transactions* of the Society. The communication was illustrated by one hundred and twenty-two dissections and a corresponding number of drawings. Dr. Pettigrew obtained the appointment (£200 per annum) without the slightest interest, simply on his own intrinsic merits, a fact creditable alike to the Council of the College of Surgeons and to this gentleman.

## OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....	Royal Free, 2 P.M.—Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 1.15 P.M.—Samaritan, 2.30 P.M.—Lock, Clinical Demonstration and Operations, 1 P.M.
TUESDAY.....	Guy's, 1 P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.
WEDNESDAY.....	St. Mary's, 1 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.
THURSDAY.....	St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—London, 1.30 P.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—London Surgical Home, 2 P.M.—Royal Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.
FRIDAY.....	Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.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.

## POPULATION STATISTICS AND METEOROLOGY OF LONDON—DECEMBER 20, 1862.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

Births. Deaths.

During week..... { Boys.. 973 } Girls.. 950 1923 1419

Average of corresponding weeks 1852-61 ..... 1753 1841

### Barometer:

Highest (Sun.) 30.245; lowest (Sat.) 29.413; mean, 29.977.

### Thermometer:

Highest in sun—extremes (Sun.) 64.9 degs.; (Thur.) 45.5 degs.

In shade—highest (Wed.) 52 degrees; lowest (Sun.) 33.7 degs.

Mean—42.1 degrees difference from mean of 48 yrs.+2.3 degs.

Range—during week, 18.3 degrees; mean daily, 16.1 degrees.

Mean humidity of air (*saturation*=100), 86.

Mean direction of wind, S.W.—Rain in inches, 0.22.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

\*\* All letters and communications for the JOURNAL, to be addressed to the EDITOR, 37, Great Queen St., Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

CORRESPONDENTS, who wish notice to be taken of their communications, should authenticate them with their names—of course not necessarily for publication.

H. B.—Apply to James Glaisher, Esq., F.R.S., Lewisham, Kent.

P. S.—Our correspondent must please to remember, that the signing of a certificate of lunacy is a voluntary act on the part of a medical practitioner. We must confess that a good deal on this subject which we have of late read in some of the medical press, seems to us to be sheer cant. We have already said, and repeat it, that no medical man should sign a certificate of lunacy who has not clear and distinct personal proof (from act or deed) of the lunatic's lunacy. Of all the thousand certificates heretofore signed by thousands of medical men, can our correspondent point out a single instance in which the properly cautious signer has come to grief through the act? In the case of Dr. Philbrick, again, who has been so cruelly and unjustly treated, we find the aforesaid press abusing the law, and the coroner and the jury, and the rest of the apparatus of a coroner's inquest; whereas we will defy any one carefully and honestly to read the history of that inquest, and not admit, that if our profession had been fair and true to itself, the verdict never would have been given, nor the injustice perpetrated. It would be a much more easy and simple, and certainly a much less invidious task, for us, in cases of this kind, to lay the blame on the law or the judge, the coroner or any other abstract party, rather than to admit that the profession can err. But we certainly think it the more honest, and we are sure it is the wisest course, not to allow professional bias to get the better of truth and justice. It will be a bad day for us when we are not able to look our own short-comings in the face.

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Mr. WILLIAM COPNEY; Dr. W. MADDEN; Mr. TOYNBEE; Dr. C. J. RENSHAW; Mr. SYMPSON; Dr. POWELL; Mr. GOLDSMITH; THE REGISTRAR OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON; Dr. KIDD; Dr. WALLER LEWIS; Dr. F. H. HARTSHORNE; Dr. MITCHINSON; Dr. TWEEDIE; Dr. LATHAM; and Dr. BODINGTON.

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