

Their difficulties had been greatly added to by the circumstance, that they so closely followed the great Metropolitan meeting. The admirable addresses then delivered had running through them all that consciousness of a great purpose and of high motive which characterises the feelings and sentiments of the profession in these times; as well as a precision and a severity in the manner in which the subjects were dealt with, that rendered it a very anxious thing to succeed those who delivered them. Dr. Budd concluded by assuring the members that himself and his colleagues had done their best; and thanked them for the manner in which the toast had been received.

Mr. PRICHARD, Dr. HERAPATH, and Dr. SWAYNE, also returned thanks.

The PRESIDENT proposed "The Health of Mr. Nassau Senior, once Professor of Political Economy at Oxford, and Mr. Commissioner Hill," who were present as visitors.

Mr. NASSAU SENIOR and Mr. Commissioner HILL returned thanks.

Dr. STEWART. For the last three days, in this western metropolis of England, this great emporium of commerce, the more renowned on account of its natural beauty, we have been enjoying unbounded hospitality—not only the feast of reason, but the flow of soul; and for all this we have been indebted, not to yourself alone, sir, but to others who for months past have taken upon them the burden and heat of the day, seeking to provide for us as handsome, courteous, and hearty a reception as any persons could expect within the limits of England. We have heard much of the London meeting. I had something to do with it; and therefore it is, I suppose, that I am privileged to propose this toast; but I can honestly say that not only here in Bristol have you equalled, but you have far surpassed, all our efforts in the great metropolis. The labour which is required to be expended in arranging such meetings is incomprehensible to those who have not taken part in it; and upon one or two pairs of shoulders generally rests all the burden; and Dr. Marshall has had the burden on his own shoulders. [*Cheers.*] I have a very particular interest in my friend here. I knew him when he was a child; and I was greatly rejoiced, after a long separation, to see in London the excellent son of my much esteemed friends the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall. I give you "The Health of Dr. Marshall".

Dr. MARSHALL acknowledged the toast.

"The Health of Dr. Charles Fox, the President of the Bath and Bristol Branch," was then drank and duly acknowledged; and the President left the chair.

THALLIUM IN A MINERAL WATER. We hear that Professor Mulder, of Utrecht, has just found this metal in a water from Java, which is said to be used by the natives, and praised for its medicinal virtue. (*Chem. News.*)

SUICIDE OF ALLEGED CRIMINALS. Readers of our city papers must have noticed the frequent instances of attempts at suicide by persons detained in confinement. These occurrences would not be worthy of remark if they were limited to prisoners awaiting the execution of the death-penalty, or even condemned to a long period of imprisonment. We should then have an adequate cause for the attempted self-destruction, for in all periods of history, criminals have been guilty of this crime. But in this instance the crime is more frequently attempted by quite another class of prisoners; they are those persons who are awaiting their trial, and who have been charged with grave crimes. In nearly every case the victim of self-destruction has left behind him an explanation of his last criminal act. The exciting cause, if it may be so designated, is confinement in the dreary, noisome cells of a city prison. (*American Medical Times.*)

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....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.
TUESDAY....Guy's, 1½ P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.
WEDNESDAY...St. Mary's, 1 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—London, 2 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.
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.—Lock, Clinical Demonstration and Operations, 1 P.M.—Royal Free, 1.30 P.M.

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.

THE length of the Report of the Annual Meeting of the Association unavoidably compels us to postpone the publication of numerous articles which were in type.

MEDICAL ETIQUETTE.—SIR: Your answer to my question of medical etiquette is hardly satisfactory to either of the parties concerned, inasmuch as it appears to be founded upon the supposition of what did not occur; viz., that C. D., after his interview with A. B., saw the patients again, without A. B.'s consent.

C. D. acknowledges, and would be the first to affirm, that if he had visited the patients further, having discovered that they were under A. B.'s charge, he would have been guilty of unprofessional and of ungentlemanly conduct. C. D. did not do so. He called, immediately he found A. B. was in attendance, upon A. B.; and if A. B. had thought proper to decline an appointment, C. D. would have visited the patients no more.

I am glad that you think, as I do, the question sufficiently interesting to bring it prominently before our brethren of the Association. There are several points in this comparatively new kind of practice which will well bear ventilating in the JOURNAL.

May I take the opportunity which this note to you gives me of asking your attention also to another point, which, to me and to many of my friends, has been productive, I will not say of misunderstanding, but of discussion? I allude to the proper plan to be pursued when a "club" patient consults a physician. This opens up a large amount of discussion, and I will not enter upon it now; but at some future time, I shall be glad to offer some suggestions, which a pretty large experience, and very many conversations with my medical friends on this subject, have proposed to me.

I am, etc., X. Y. Z.

[The course pursued by C. D., as detailed in this note, was perfectly proper. In X. Y. Z.'s former note, he said that C. D., after having discovered that A. B. was in attendance, "made a cursory examination; said he would not interfere with the treatment," etc. Our objection had reference to this "cursory examination," etc., and this was what we meant by "visiting the patient further."—EDITOR.]

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Dr. WILLIAM B. HERAPATH; Mr. W. GIMSON; X. Y. Z.; Mr. T. MARTIN; Mr. W. M. CLARKE; Dr. T. K. CHAMBERS; Dr. HUMPHRY; Dr. GRAILY HEWITT; Dr. C. R. HALL; Mr. E. WILSON; Mr. I. B. BROWN; Dr. KIDD; Dr. J. G. SWAYNE; Mr. R. O'CONNOR; Dr. W. H. RANKING; Dr. HARLEY; Dr. HITCHMAN; Dr. FLETCHER; Dr. LIONEL BEALE; Mr. MOORE; Dr. STRUTHERS; Mr. J. AMESBURY; Mr. WALKER; Dr. W. MOORE; Mr. H. APPLETON; and Mr. SPENDER.

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