

DR. WOODFORDE ON THE REPORT IN THE LANCET OF HIS CASE OF OVARIOTOMY.

To the Editor of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal.

SIR,—Since you published, (in the number of this *Journal* for October 30, 1850, page 598,) the report of the successful case of ovariectomy at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, which was read by me at the autumn meeting of the Bath and Bristol Branch, a different version of the same case has appeared in the *Lancet* for December 21, 1850.

I shall feel obliged by your permitting me to state, in justification of the report read by me at Bristol, what will perhaps be hardly credible to those who have seen it in the *Lancet* only—namely, that the case was under my sole care, from the date of admission until January 25, 1850, when, in consultation with the hospital staff, my proposal for the operation was adopted. I will add that my report, which was drawn up from careful notes made by Mr. Gaye, the house-surgeon, was by previous mutual agreement submitted to my colleague, Mr. Cornish, who performed the operation, and approved by him, before I read it at Bristol.

I did not intend to obtrude a purely personal matter of this kind on members of the Association, but the appearance of the report from the *Lancet*, somewhat abridged, in two of our local newspapers (!) has compelled me to break silence, and I hope that the exposure of such breaches of professional etiquette and courtesy may help to do good.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

FRANCIS HENRY WOODFORDE, M.D.

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Taunton, Jan. 6, 1851.

Medical Intelligence.

SELF-SUPPORTING DISPENSARIES.

A very numerous meeting of the medical men of the town and neighbourhood of Reading was held at the Great Western Hotel, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 18th, to hear an exposition of the system of *self-supporting dispensaries*, by Mr. Smith, their benevolent founder. He very ably demonstrated their benefits; and though no distinct resolution was come to, it was the opinion of the meeting that, if properly founded and superintended, their establishment would be fraught with many advantages. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Mr. Smith, whose life appears to have been, and to be, devoted to acts of charity and measures of philanthropy.

QUARANTINE.

Dr. Babington has been requested by Lord Palmerston to attend, on behalf of the British Government, the meeting of medical men convened at Leghorn by the Austrian and Italian States to consider the subject of quarantine.

IRISH MEDICAL CHARITIES BILL.

A large and important meeting of the profession in Ireland, and interviews of their deputation with the Earl of Clarendon and Sir W. Somerville, were lately held.—*Lancet*.

OBITUARY.

Lately, at Boston, John Brown, Esq., M.D., aged 51. The deceased terminated his existence by taking prussic acid. The body was found in the hot-house, and was in a sitting posture, with one arm resting upon a flower-pot. A short time ago the deceased held the office of Mayor, and was a magistrate for the borough. An inquest was held on the body, and the Jury returned a verdict of "temporary insanity." About fifteen years ago, an eminent surgeon, who had filled the office of Mayor, took prussic acid, and died in the same way.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Friday, Jan. 10th, 1851:—James Bain, Hon. E.I. Co.'s Service, Bombay; George R. Bull, Birmingham; John Bunney, Coventry; Gideon James William Griffith, Mountpleasant Square, Dublin; William Dixon Grahame, London; Henry Brougham Hillcoat, Brussels; Patrick Dillon Kelly, Mullingar, county Westmeath; William Henry Paine, Stroud, Gloucestershire; Alfred Puddicombe, Moreton-hampstead, Devon; William Palmer Steele, Aber-gavenny, Monmouthshire; Henry Thomson, Belfast; Harry Speakman Webb, Oxford.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Thursday, Jan. 2, 1851:—Henry Parker, Sheffield, Yorkshire; Oliver Cooper Pollard, Chorley, Lancashire; Charles Robert Thompson, Westerham, Kent; John Doxon Ward, Manchester.

PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Members who wish to propose Associates are reminded, that as the subscription commenced on the first of January, it is the most convenient time to introduce new members.

It is also particularly requested that all post-office orders should be sent either to the Treasurer or Secretary, who alone have the power of giving receipts.

JAMES P. SHEPPARD, Secretary.

Worcester, Jan. 21st, 1851.

ERRATUM.—In Mr. Foster's "Cases of Fever, with Remarks," inserted in our last number, page 14, col. 1, line 6 from the bottom, for "Huntingdon," read *Hemingford*.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. Willis, Mr. King, Dr. Robertson, Mr. Moncton, and Mr. Pritchard.

Mr. Humphry's communication arrived too late for insertion, having been misdirected to Cambridge.

Mr. Foster's proof did not arrive till the day after publication, we could not, therefore, insert the corrections.

It is requested that all letters and communications connected with the *Editorial department* be sent to J. H. Walsh, Esq., Foregate Street, Worcester. Parcels and books for review may be addressed to the care of Mr. Churchill, Princes Street, Soho.