

apply it with cloths to her belly; we did so; she continued to get worse, and died about seven; she had not begun to flood much before doctor left.

Ann Thompson, sworn: Lives at Valley Mill; went at six, a.m., on Sunday, 19th December; Derbyshire was there; was there when delivered; after he cut the navel string he sat a long time; the afterbirth came away in from a hour to an hour and a half; she seemed in great pain; he seemed to be using means to get it away; it did not come all at once, but in handfuls; I did not examine it; I would not have him to attend me.

Adjourned Inquest, Tuesday, 28th December.

Daniel Barker, re-called: Should think the birth of the child not difficult, it is an easy matter to say whether all the afterbirth is all come away; it does sometimes happen a small portion remains in the womb.

Hugh Shaw, re-called: Entered a member of the Board of Health, Stalybridge, on July 4, 1841; the card produced is mine; my family were all members; went on the Friday for assistance, again on the Sunday morning at six o'clock; I rang the bell; Derbyshire got up to the window; came down stairs; I went with him home; then left the house; did not go till Derbyshire had left; on the Sunday, at three o'clock, requested him to come up.

Ellen Ridgway, sworn: Lives at Valley Mill; was the first there; about five o'clock; Sarah Shaw was very ill; Hugh Shaw called me up when he was going for the doctor; I went in; she said she was very ill; Derbyshire came in about three quarters of an hour; he examined her; about eleven the child was born; he at that time assisted her; after it was born he let it lie a considerable time before he cut the navel string; I saw him cut it; he then tied it up; was then absent about three quarters of an hour; but was present when the afterbirth was brought; it was in lumps; found many in the bed.

James Walton sworn: Is surgeon to the Board of Health, Stalybridge; signed the certificate produced; rules of the board produced; I engaged Derbyshire, as compounder and occasional visitor, on the 1st December; he has attended six previous midwifery cases while with me; I took him at the recommendation of Mr. Hunt, surgeon, Ashton; any person competent to attend a midwifery case should know when the afterbirth is come away; we do not consider a woman safe till the placenta is come away; if any part became detached from the womb, the vessels would become ruptured, and flooding would commence; there does not appear to be anything particularly difficult in this case; any surgeon who did not gently remove the placenta when there is adhesion to the uterus, would be guilty of gross neglect; one of the previous midwifery cases was somewhat similar; he then sent for me; I removed the placenta; I told him to send for me when he again found this the case; I saw Derbyshire on his return from the labour on the Sunday; I asked him if the labour was over; he said it was; I asked him if the placenta had come away; he said it had, and that there was no flooding when he left; when Shaw came at three to say she was flooding, I again said to him, you are sure you removed the whole of the placenta; he said that he had.

Allen Shaw, sworn: Is collector to the Stalybridge Board of Health; Sarah Shaw was a member and entitled to attendance.

Verdict, Manslaughter against William Derbyshire, who stands committed to the next Chester Assizes.

PROFESSIONAL ETIQUETTE.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL.

GENTLEMEN,—As a set-off to the practitioner, who, in defence of his having charged £2 14s. 6d. for professional attendance on the son of a medical man,

urged,—“that no one ever heard of such a monstrous thing as one medical man attending the family of another for nought!”—I beg leave to adduce the noble, disinterested, and generous conduct of I. Daniel, Esq., of Beaminster, Dorset, who attended, through a long and severe illness, the widow of a medical practitioner, and my mother. The distance from Mr. Daniel's residence to her house was two miles and a half. As the disease assumed a more formidable character, so did the unremitting, and untiring attention of Mr. Daniel increase; twice a day he visited the patient, and frequently in the middle of the night cheerfully traversed the dismal road, to administer relief, although the case was known to be hopeless. When all was past, Mr. Daniel could not be induced to send my guardian any account for his valuable services, or for the medicines which he supplied. This was in 1828, when I was a pupil in Bath. Now, gentlemen, when it is known that the husband of this lady had been a practitioner in that city for many years, and had not the pleasure of Mr. Daniel's acquaintance, what was there to prevent that gentleman's sending in his charge but an innate respect for the character of that venerable profession, of which he is a distinguished member, one respected, and beloved by all who know him. I should therefore hope, that the practitioner who has committed himself by sending in a pitiful account of fifty-four shillings and sixpence to a brother practitioner, could not be aware of the etiquette of the profession in such cases; and having this striking instance to guide him, will forbear violating that bright line of demarcation which separates us from the mercenaries of the world.

I have the honor to be Gentlemen,

Your obliged and obedient servant,

CONWAY T. EDWARDS.

Batheaston, Bath,

Jan. 1, 1842.

CORRESPONDENTS.

We are unavoidably obliged to postpone for another week the papers of Dr. Knight and Mr. Nottingham, with several other communications.

The article on “The Union of Medicine and Surgery” has been received, but it is so illegible, that the printers cannot decipher it. We should feel obliged if our correspondent would write on *ordinary* sized paper, and not on slips a yard and a half long!

We have received several letters condemnatory of the conduct of the nameless individual who demanded payment for attending the child of a brother practitioner. The mildest of these communications is inserted above. The rest we decline.

The Report of the Sheffield Medical Society in our next.

King's College Hospital.—We beg to direct our readers' attention to the judicious remarks of Professor Fergusson, on the relative advantages of the operations of *lithotripsy* and lithotomy, contained in this day's number. In future we hope to be able to furnish occasional reports of cases, operations, and clinical lectures, from this hospital.

Letters and communications have been received from Mr. Maughan, Dr. Knott, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Toogood, Mr. Wood, Mr. Jackson, Dr. Fosbrooke, Dr. Martin Lynch, Dr. Burton, Mr. Davies, Mr. J. W. Rumsey.

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