

LETTER FROM DR. HEREPATH ON INFANTILE PHLEBITIS.

32, Old Market, Liverpool, July 23, 1852.

SIR,—Having carefully perused Mr. Desmond's case of infantile phlebitis of the umbilical vein with purulent deposit, in your last journal, which has been placed by him in contrast with mine, permit me to observe, that although the foramen ovale was *open* in mine, and *closed* in his, at the time of the post-mortem examinations, it is very evident to me, that in *both* instances it must have *been pervious* at the time of the infection of the circulating current with the purulent matter produced by the phlebitis; this coincidence is proved by the general circulation suffering more from the pyræmia than the pulmonic circulatory system: in both cases the systemic capillaries filtered the circulating current, and arrested the pus globules, which of course formed the nidi of purulent deposits at their points of arrest; in process of time the less perfectly developed granules of pus which, on account of their smaller magnitude, had passed through the filtering systemic capillaries, became arrested in the infinitesimally minute capillaries of the lungs, producing engorgement of the pulmonary structure at various points. Had the little patients borne up under their maladies a little longer, these congested portions would have advanced to the next stage, and become purulent deposits, as occurred in the systemic capillaries.

I am, Sir, yours most obediently,
W. BIRD HEREPATH.

APPOINTMENTS.

- FARRE, Arthur, M.D., appointed one of the Examiners in Midwifery to the Royal College of Surgeons in England.
 GOODRIDGE, H. F. A., M.D., has been appointed Physician to the Bath United Hospital, in place of Dr. C. H. CLARKE, resigned.
 HAWKINS, Cæsar, Esq., appointed President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.
 KEATE, Robert, Esq., F.R.S., appointed Vice-President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.
 LUKE, James, Esq., appointed Vice-President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.
 OLDHAM, Harry, M.D., appointed an Examiner in Midwifery to the Royal College of Surgeons.
 REID, James, M.D., appointed one of the Examiners in Midwifery to the Royal College of Surgeons.

OBITUARY.

- ADAMS, George, M.D., late Physician-General H.E.I.C.S. Madras, at 148, New Bond Street, on 9th July.
 DUTTON, James, Esq., at Hastings, where he had practised for upwards of fifty years, on 7th July, aged 78.
 GOSDEN, Dr., Assistant Staff-Surgeon, and late of H.M. 84th Regiment, at Midhurst, Sussex, on 10th July, aged 30.
 RECAMIER, Professor, of Paris, suddenly, of pulmonary apoplexy, lately, aged 77. To him is due our knowledge of the improved methods of treating diseases of the uterus.
 SMITH, N. T., M.D. at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on 1st July, aged 83.
 STONE, Deodatus, Esq., Surgeon, at Oxford, on 12th July, aged 75.
 TAYLOR, John, M.D., Physician to the Huddersfield Infirmary, formerly Physician to University College Hospital, and Professor of Clinical Medicine in University College, on 28th June, aged 41. The deceased was an able contributor to clinical knowledge.

THOMSON, Thomas, M.D., F.R.S.L. & E., Regius Professor of Chemistry in the University of Glasgow, at Kilmun, Argyleshire, on 2nd July, aged 79. He enjoyed a high reputation as a chemist.

TWEEDALE, John, M.D., Surgeon R.N., at Lynn Regis, on 28th June, aged 70.

VINCENT, John Painter, Esq., F.R.C.S., formerly Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and a Member of the Court of Examiners of the Royal College of Surgeons in England, at his residence, Woodlands Manor, near Wrotham, Kent, suddenly, on 17th July, aged 74.

Mr. Vincent commenced the study of his profession under the late Mr. Long, of Lincoln's Inn Fields; and was admitted a member of the College of Surgeons on the 20th of March, 1800. He succeeded Mr. Long in practice, having taken that gentleman's house, where he continued to practise until within a few years. On July 12, 1822, he was elected a Member of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons, in the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. George Chandler. Previously to this, he had been appointed Assistant Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, from which establishment he lately retired as Senior Surgeon, with the esteem of his colleagues and friends. On January 5, 1828, Mr. Vincent was elected a Member of the Court of Examiners of the College of Surgeons, in the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Thompson Forster; and, in the years 1832 and 1840, he filled the office of President of the College.

Mr. Vincent published, in 1847, his *Observations on some parts of Surgical Practice: to which is prefixed, an Inquiry into the Claims that Surgery may be supposed to have for being classed as a Science*. This, we believe, was his only literary production; and is one from which we have derived much valuable instruction. It is the work of a practical surgeon, unwilling to obtrude himself on the notice of the profession until his experience had given authority and weight to his words.

WESTON, C. T., M.D., of H.E.L.C. Bombay Establishment, at Mahableschwur, on 27th May, aged 34.

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[*Exclusive of Periodicals Received in Exchange.*]

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