

A CORRESPONDENT inquires if we can give him any information respecting the "noble charity" at No. 1, Red Lion Square, referred to in the *Holborn Journal* in the following terms:—

"Last week, a correspondent drew the attention of our readers to one of those noble charities with which our neighbourhood abounds; viz., the Infirmary for Diseases of the Leg, Red Lion Square. Though not strictly a local charity, our district nevertheless greatly benefits by its presence amongst us. Up to the year 1857, there was no institution established for the special treatment of a malady which so frequently afflicts the working classes, as that of disease of the leg. It was in that year that Mr. Thomas Westlake, the eminent surgeon, opened the hospital in our district; and, up to the present time, the expense of maintaining this establishment, including the payment of rent, has been mainly borne by the founder. The committee of the institution have considered it unjust that Mr. Westlake should continue to bear the burden any longer, and have made an appeal to the public to take a share of it upon their own shoulders. To this, we have no doubt there will be an adequate response. An institution whose beneficial results have been so appreciated, that there have been four hundred applicants weekly, and one thousand cures of an almost incurable disease effected, will, we are persuaded, not be permitted to fail for want of funds."

[We were unaware of the existence of this noble charity. We find, on reference to the *Directory*, that 1, Red Lion Square, is the address of T. H. Westlake, Esq. We suppose, therefore, that there must be some mistake on the subject. EDITOR.]

MR. S. E. SMITH.—We have received a printed missile, entitled "Annual Report from the Case-Book of S. E. Smith, Esq., M.R.C.S.L., Cambridge House, Bristol." The Report consists of four lines; and informs us that Mr. Smith has cured 506, and has under treatment 403 patients of various ages. The rest of this cheaply got up document consists of extracts from various papers—*The London Medical Review*, *The Bristol Gazette*, *Bristol Mirror*, *Bristol Mercury*, *Daily Post*, and so forth; all, of course, to the effect that the aforesaid Mr. Smith is a man of surprising ability, and has performed "successful", "most interesting", "important" operations. What surprises us is, that there would appear to be some person who is envious of Mr. Smith's success; for at the end of his paper we read:—

"To prevent disappointment and imposition, Mr. Smith begs to state that he is not, nor has he ever been, professionally connected with any person whatever, and can only be consulted at his Chambers, Cambridge House, 22, College Green, Bristol, between the hours of eleven to three o'clock daily (Sundays excepted)."

We sincerely, however, trust that Mr. Smith is in error in supposing that any other member of the profession has really attempted to rob him of this fame and practice of his.

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PHILIP H. WILLIAMS, M.D., *General Secretary.*

Worcester, January 1863.

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