

## A CASE OF TIC DOLOREUX.

Mr. FREDERIC C. WOOD (Nottingham) writes: A boot and shoemaker, aged 53, first came under my care last autumn, complaining of severe pains in the right side of his head; he had for the last four years been under my predecessors for the same complaint, generally coming on during spring and autumn. When first I saw him the pains in his head were of the most agonising description, coming on at intervals of about ten minutes; during the paroxysms he would pace up and down the room, raving like a madman; bromide and chloral gave him the greatest relief he ever experienced, and for two or three months after the attack he was taking large doses of arsenic. During the middle of March of this present year I was again sent for, only to find him in precisely the same condition as he was last autumn; he was then very thin, and presented a careworn appearance, so I advised him to have all his teeth out, seventeen in number, without delay, to which he readily consented. Accordingly, I proceeded to put him under chloroform; he took the anæsthetic remarkably well; Messrs. Wing, surgeon-dentists, then removed the whole of the teeth, seventeen in number, Dr. Watkins also assisting; hæmorrhage being restrained as they went along, by means of perchloride of iron. He very quickly recovered from the effects of the operation, and at the present time he is looking remarkably well and has had no return of the pains whatever. This was clearly an aggravated form of tic douloureux, and I have every reason to believe the effects of our operation will be permanent.

## IRISH DIPLOMAS AND ENGLISH HOSPITALS.

DR. D. A. SHEAHAN (Portsmouth) writes: It is a source of great gratification to the medical profession at large, but more especially to the Irish section of it, to see the various and high honours that are being conferred on Surgeon T. H. Parke—honours which are certainly well deserved, not only in consequence of his heroic exploits in the Stanley expedition, but still more so because, on Stanley's own evidence, he, by his unremitting attention and skill, saved the lives of many members of the expedition as well as that of the great explorer himself.

Mr. Parke, thus famous for his great professional skill under most trying circumstances, is a Licentiate of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons and Physicians of Dublin, and as such is, with hundreds of his countrymen, together with our brothers north of the Tweed, ineligible for the position of surgeon, or even assistant-surgeon, in most English hospitals. Is not this a shame? Why should this great man, who in the darkest part of the Dark Continent, away from the leaders and resources of the surgical art, successfully combated disease, not be recognised as able to fill with honour the post of surgeon to an English hospital with all the resources of science and civilisation at his back? I therefore submit that the proper recognition of Surgeon Parke's worth is not in present bustle and turtle soup, but in opening to him and those equally qualified the highest surgical offices in this country. Englishmen may laud a Captain Kane or a Surgeon Parke, but this counts for little if they still persist in placing Irishmen and Irish institutions at a disadvantage.

Let the Association grant Surgeon Parke its medal if it will, but let it first use its great influence to place him on an equality with Englishmen, which will be only when those barriers of prejudice and selfishness which surround English hospitals have been swept away.

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