

BRITISH PASTEUR INSTITUTE.

AN INDIAN OFFICER writes: I am delighted to see that a sort of British Pasteur Institute is to be started at Cambridge, and that the British Medical Association has given £300 towards it. I have sent home a guinea, to be as a thankoffering for the British Medical Association setting so good an example of self-help. Science is always slighted in England, so the Association shows the State that the profession will found a Pasteur Institute without State aid. If every member will give his guinea, each member will feel the loss very slightly, while the aggregate subscription will be a handsome amount, that ought to make Parliament ashamed of its mean parsimony.

A LEARNED ASSISTANT.

A MEMBER writes: I notice an amusing letter in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* of April 18th headed "A Learned Doctor." It reminds me of quite as bright an example of the learning (?) of some of the profession in England. A man died here a few days ago, and the cause of his death was certified as "cyrosis of liver." An assistant was attending him, and, during the patient's illness, he (the assistant) informed several people that his patient was spitting up his liver, and, when the patient died, the learned M.R.C.S. stated that the poor patient had to go, as he had spat up all his liver.

MORTALITY OF CHILD-BIRTH AND THE MIDWIVES BILL.

MR. HERBERT DE C. WOODCOCK, M.R.C.S. (Moorville, Leeds), writes: Supposing I am asked to attend a woman after her confinement who has been delivered by a midwife. If the patient dies I sign the death certificate. Seven or eight such cases have occurred to me in the last eighteen months. During that period I have not lost a single patient in confinement whom I have had sole control of, and I have attended four hundred cases, yet the statistician will credit me with seven or eight deaths. It is obvious why a prominent obstetrician has a high mortality in his practice; he is called in to the worst cases.

CASE OF ABDOMINAL BILIARY FISTULA.

DR. SAMUEL BOAKE, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Irel. (Stamford Bridge, York) writes: The rare occurrence of such a case as the above renders it, I think, of sufficient interest to merit publication. It occurred in the practice of Mr. Wright, of Stamford Bridge, York, and the following is a brief outline of it:

M. Y., married woman, aged 54 years, experienced, five years ago, a severe attack of obstructive jaundice. Since then she has not regained her former health, being frequently troubled with pain about the region of the liver and the right hypochondriac region generally. In November, 1890, a larger swelling gradually appeared a little above and to the right of the umbilicus, which became inflamed and indurated. Round the summit appeared several minute apertures, which, on probing, seemed to lead into one channel. Sixty gall stones have come away through these apertures, varying in size from a pea to a marble, and bearing facets. The swelling has entirely disappeared, leaving an indurated opening which extends upwards and to the right in a slanting direction for about four or five inches. Gall stones come away occasionally through this opening, and there is a constant discharge of a yellow, watery fluid. The patient has greatly improved in health of late.

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