

THE LATE MR. FEATHERSTONE.—This gentleman (a correspondent writes) was once a distinguished pupil at the Bristol Royal Infirmary; and he was also, what I rejoice to know is not an unusual occurrence in the present day, a Christian student. What he was then, so he remained; and, as a practitioner, he won the confidence and esteem of all around him. He was, in truth, one who united the graces of an earnest Christian with the zeal and industry of an accomplished surgeon. In speaking of death, he had often remarked, that if it were God's will, he would prefer being taken suddenly; and, not many minutes before he was killed, he was conversing with his servant on the blessedness of feeling prepared, in the midst of health, for sudden death. That such was the case with himself, and that he speedily realised that blessedness in all its fulness, there cannot be a doubt. May we be likewise ready.

THE VENEREAL COMMISSION.—SIR: From the tenour of your remarks on the Venereal Diseases Commission, your readers may anticipate that the result of the evidence of the high authorities which they have taken, will lead them to the same conclusion as that contained in the following sentence, from the pen of a living member of our profession. I am, etc.,
January 28th, 1866. OBSERVER.

AD ADOLESCENTES.

Quà morbus ille, tot malorum auctor malus,
Valdè timendus, arte sit vitabilis,
Sermone juvenem in hoc brevi senex docet.

Loquuntur Pamphilus juvenis et Chremes senex.

P.—Salvere Chremetem plurimum jubeo.

C.—Salve Pamphile: quid tu? recten' atque ut vis vales? Cœnastin' age; poculum exple: ecce Falernum præstantissimum: sume: me ipse quidem sentio jam viro benevolentiaque abundantem. Quid vis amicissime? dic quomodo bene de te mereri possim.

P.—Gratias ago: de valetudine meâ magnopere cupio tecum confabulari.

C.—Ædepol! Tu florentis ætatis juvenis, tanquam heri modo togate, virtute et viribus prædite; ten' de valetudine tuâ mecum consulere!

P.—Imo, amice. Ita Dii te ament, ut mihi exponas quâ ratione ille morbus, quo tot amicorum affectos video (quod ad nos viros pertineat), evitandus sit.

C.—Hem! rogas? Sum animi dubius: nescio an arcanum tanti pretii liceat mihi enunciatum facere.

P.—Cur hoc? an lucri causâ vulgatum nonvis? Verere ne aera perdas? nonne ita est? Vah!

C.—Certissime: satis video te, licet adhuc adolescens sis, et Themas et Forum frequentare. Ita Dii me adjuvent, si is modus, quem equidem mihi cognitum habeo, omnibus divulgatus fiat, morbus ipse perpaucos afficiat.

P.—Amice, amicissime, validissimum rationem mihi protulisti, quare id, quod ad salutem publicam tantopere pertineat, universè cognitum esse debeat, nec tantum medicis sed etiam omnibus. Nonne officii tui est hoc vulgare?

C.—Certè quidem officii est; sed meâ interest potius celatum habere. De aera suprà dixisti: mehercule, si mali origo abscondatur, lucri fons abundans exsiccus erit.

P.—Absconde, absconde. Video te nobis tam ex animo factum velle, ut hodie nihil mihi rectusatur sis.

C.—Hem! sentio me vino plenum. Ain' tu "absconde" an "circumscinde"? Heus! iam caput meum vertigine agitur; cor palpitat.—Ægrotante Passerculus tuus?

P.—Bene habet, ut fit; vercor tamen ne, nidum petens, morbo afficiatur. Pater, si me amas, mihi aperi rationes, si qua sint, per quas malum tantopere timendum evitare possim. Oro, obsecro, ut hoc mihi pandas, optime hominum.

C.—Hei mihi! vitam longam egi, et plurima vidi quæ referre plegat, vel etiam animadvertere; quæ mala, quæ pauciora in hoc ævo fiunt; et propter amicitiam quæ erga patrem tuum et te ipsum, et amicos nostros habeo; et liberorum etiam qui futuri sint, causâ, id quod tu prudenter rogavisti, predicabo. Tu te dictis præbeas volo—atque imprimis te præmoneo perfacile esse ple-risque illum morbum evitare.

P.—Ab ore tuo totus pendeo: dic tandem.

C.—Inter Judæos et omnes alios, quibus abscisum præputium, hoc malum rarissimè invenies: nempe illis, cutis adeo indurata, ut abrasio non facile fiat, quapropter morbus raro concipitur; ergo illis ætas integra permanet: contra, cutis tenera Christianis multorum malorum causâ est.

P.—Hei mihi! vi'n' omnes "Curtos Judæos"* imitemur?

C.—Forsitan paucos, verum non omnes circumcisionem pati debere puto. Altera est et multò facillior ratio, quæ penè parem immunitatem præbet. Vin' tibi explicem?

P.—Ne—perge, queso.

C.—Et simplex et secura est: quotidie matutino tempore quum e lecto surrexeris, præputium retrahere, ac glandem nudare: itaque indurata cutis morbum rejicit. Hoc munditie perindè ac valetudinis causâ facere oportet. Permagis refert Pupillos, Milites, denique omnes adolescentes hoc scire et continuò exequi; neque amplius celari rem tantas utilitatis. Abi: fac certos omnes familiares tuos, ut tibi pro tanto beneficio gratias habeant.

P.—Tu, quantus, quantus, nihil nisi sapientia es. Dii me perdant tibi ex imo corde gratias habeo ob tantum meritum: et ipse utar, et amicos tui admonebo: quæ res bene vortat nobis! Vale.

[Exit Pamphilus exultans: dormit Chremes.]

* Vide Horatium, Sat., lib. i, ix, 70.

SUCTION-CURETTES.—The letters of Mr. Adams and Mr. Greenway shall appear next week.

HOSPITAL STATISTICS.—SIR: I am obliged to your reviewer for pointing out an omission in my work *On the Climate of Italy*. He says, with respect to the conclusions I have drawn from hospital statistics, that I do not record "to what extent selection has been carried out in the admission of cases." Such a notice would have strengthened—it is impossible to calculate exactly how much—more or less the conclusions; so hasten to supply it. At St. Mary's, acute cases are admitted at all hours without tickets of admission; chronic cases are postponed till Fridays, have to obtain a letter from a subscriber, and then are often rejected from want of room. The Ospedale Maggiore at Milan, being a Government institution, admits all equally free. Yet still the chronic cases are in excess in the former, the acute in the latter. This, of course, can only arise from the causes to which I have assigned it.
I am, etc., THOMAS KING CHAMBERS.

22b, Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, March 5th, 1866.

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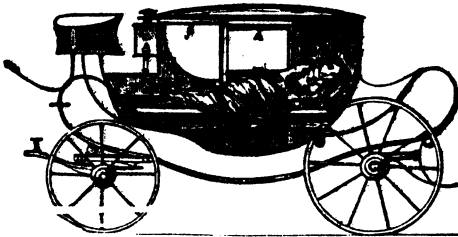
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