without producing aloughing or destruction of the tissues (the healthy tissues, the cutaneous and parenchymatous are meant), I presume, by means of a weak caustic or destroying fluid, and that presume, by means of a weak caustic or destroying nuis, and that Sir James does the same thing in probably one-half or one-twenteth of the time with a stronger one. Another difference is worth noticing; namely, Sir James made his discovery in 1857—Dr. Broadbeat in 1866. It may be well to add that, while Sir James made the discovery to effect a cure in cancer, he did not limit the discovery to cancer, but applied it to the removal chiefly of non-malignant growths—a much more justifiable and successful line of practice. The fact that Sir James Simpson's solutions have a much wider range than those of Dr. Broadbent, only adds to the superiority of the practice, and shows the far-sightedness and practical bearing of the discoverer."

It is evident that Dr. Skinner has neglected to make himself acquainted with Dr. Broadbent's theory of the treatment of cancer and the facts recorded respecting it. If he is to be accepted as the exponent of Sir James Simpson's aims and results, the process employed was the injection of a few drops of some irritant liquid, the object was 'sphacelus' and the effect 'enucleation'. Dr. Broadbent's object has been to avoid sphacelus, and to obtain absorption; and with this view he has injected considerable quantities of dilute acetic acid. We think this constitutes a difference of some importance, and shows that Sir James Simpson did not effect or attempt the same thing as Dr. Broadbent. The substances mentioned as employed by Sir James Simpson are not adapted to the end proposed by Dr. Broadbent. But the main fact still remains, that Sir James Simpson's experiments, whatever they were, or whatever they did in 1857, have, up to 1866, resulted in no new method of curing cancer. Where is the surgeon who, during that period, has used Sir James Simpson's injections? But Dr. Broadbent's method is already adopted and practised by many surgeons, and thus far regarded as a very great addition to our means of cure of cancer. (EDITOR.)

CEMETERY, HAPPY VALLEY, HONG KONG, 1865.

What says the column midst death's grim array, Rearing its head o'er monument and mound? What says this gloomy sentry o'er decay,
Amidst the silent tombstones crowding round?

It tells thee that within the "Happy Vale" Our soldiers, Briton, lie in many a grave; That soldiers' lives weighed nothing in the scale, Against the peace economists would save.

Dost ask how died they? In fierce battle fray For country's cause, meeting a glorious fate? No, one by one, of pestilence the prey, Passed they the portals of you gloomy gate.

Mark there inscribed the motto of our dead, "My fate to-day, to-morrow waits for thee."
Now let the words in double sense be read. The moral of that griping policy

Which has prepared this holocaust to-day Which may again to morrow victims claim. A cry is raised, 'tis all, 'tis passed away, Then for fresh schemes, and for results the same.

Gaunt were their features, as by pale moonlight Unmeaning guard, and weary watch they kept; While robed in dismal vapours of the night, Within their breasts insidious fever crept.

Now fell they fast before the fiery shafts Of Cathay's sun; now drew the recking breath Of fœtid fumes, which eastern city wafts, Rife with disease, and dire with doom of death.

The deadly swamp of thrice condemned kenloon. Miasma's lair, all hope of health denied; Brief was the struggle, and, alas, how soon The ending came, they sickened and they died.

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