

TESTIMONIAL TO D. HODGSON, M.D. At the termination of the winter session in Glasgow University, on the 24th ult., the students of practical anatomy held a meeting in the classroom, for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to the demonstrator of anatomy: this, which consisted of two cases of surgical instruments, bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Decimus Hodgson, Esq., M.D., M.R.C.S.E., Demonstrator of Anatomy, Glasgow University, by the Students of Practical Anatomy, under his charge during the sessions 1856-7, as a token of their respect for his professional and personal qualities. Glasgow, 23rd April, 1857."

GARTOCH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. This association held a quarterly meeting in Armand's Hotel, Inverury, Aberdeenshire, on May 1st. The retiring president, Samuel Davidson, Esq., proposed as his successor, Dr. William Keith, senior surgeon to the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, who has been a warm friend and working member of the association since its commencement. His nomination was sustained unanimously and cordially. The association is rapidly increasing its members, and widening its field; and as it already contains in its ranks several members of the BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, we entertain the hope that at no distant date it may join itself with that Association, so that we may all muster under one banner. [The sooner the better. EDITOR.]

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON. A paper will be read here this (Saturday) evening, by Dr. Edward Smith, "On the Throat in Chronic Phthisis and Chronic Bronchitis, illustrated by patients."

SINGULAR CASE OF POISONING. An inquest was held on Saturday evening at the residence of Mr. Thompson, a retired tradesman living in Rhodes-street, Halifax, on the body of Mr. James Thompson, aged 30, son of Mr. Thompson, who had died in consequence of taking a large dose of ammonia. The deceased had been in a low desponding state for two years previous to his death, and he had refused to take any medicine save what was given to him by Dr. Garlick, the medical attendant of the family. About three weeks since some ammonia was purchased by Mrs. Thompson, who intended mixing it with water and then bathing her temples with it. The deceased got hold of the bottle, and, expressing a belief that that was just the medicine that would cure him, he was about to drink off a wineglassful of the poison, when the servant came into the room and took it from him. The ammonia has since then been locked up in the cellar, but on Saturday morning the servant inadvertently left the key in the cellar door, and the deceased seeing it, and knowing the drug to be kept in the cellar, procured the bottle, from which he drank a large draught. He expired in a quarter of an hour afterwards. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased had drunk the poison under a singular belief that it would do him good. (*Manchester Guardian*.)

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

TO CONTRIBUTORS. The Editor would feel glad if Members of the Association and others, would cooperate with him in establishing as a rule, that in future no paper for publication shall exceed two pages of the Journal in length. If the writers of long communications knew as well as the Editor does, that lengthy papers *always* deter the reader from commencing them, this great evil would never arise. Brevity is the soul of medical writing—still more than of wit.

Members should remember that corrections for the current week's JOURNAL should not arrive later than Wednesday.

Communications have been received from:—Dr. P. H. WILLIAMS; Dr. RANKING; Mr. A. G. WALTER; Mr. T. L. FRIDHAM; Dr. BALLARD PITT; Mr. JOHN HATTON; Dr. MARKHAM; Dr. THOMAS WILLIAMS; Mr. E. MACDERMOT; Mr. STONE; Mr. T. HOLMES; Dr. J. G. SWAYNE; Dr. HAYES JACKSON; Mr. EDWARD BARBER; Dr. J. C. HALL; Dr. GEORGE MACKIE; Dr. BRINTON; Mr. RUMSEY; Dr. GARROD; Dr. EDWARD SMITH; Dr. ROULSTON; Mr. JOHN KITCHING; Mr. ROBERT L. BOWLES; Mr. W. WEBBER; Mr. R. FREEMAN; Dr. MCWILLIAM; Mr. A. COOPER; Mr. G. M. HUMPHRY; Dr. G. G. ROGERS; and Mr. JOHN HARRISON.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

[* An Asterisk is prefixed to the names of Members of the Association.]

1. On Stricture of the Urethra. By Henry Smith, F.R.C.S. London: Churchill. 1857.
2. Vocal Gymnastics: or a Guide for Stammerers and for Public Speakers, and others who suffer from Certain Minor Peculiarities of Utterance. By G. F. URLING. London: John Churchill. 1857.
3. Is Ovariectomy Justifiable or not? By J. M. DUNCAN, M.D., F.R.C.P.E. Pamphlet. Edinburgh: 1857.

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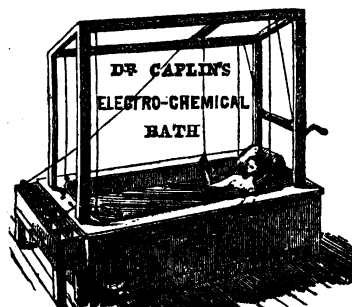
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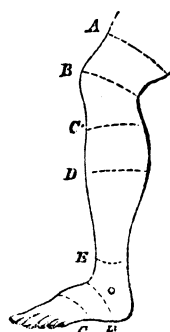
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