

and that of his partner upon the case, and his personal knowledge of the circumstances of Smith.

Mr. BENJAMIN STREET, Assistant-Overseer of Wirksworth, deposed that, on February 13th last, he went to the scene of an accident, and found that Henry Smith and two other persons were seriously injured. He knew Smith to be in destitute circumstances, and therefore directed the parish surgeon to attend him. He afterwards wrote the order produced, and sent it to the surgeon. Smith must have had parochial relief had not he (Mr. Street) raised a subscription for his family.

Mr. GREAVES, in reply, argued that Mr. Cantrell could not recover: first, because the man Smith was not in the indigent circumstances represented, but was able to pay the surgeon himself; secondly, because the order was addressed to "Messrs. Cantrell and Webb", and therefore the guardians were not bound to adopt it as an order upon the medical officer of the Union; and thirdly, because, although Mr. Cantrell had attended the case himself, on some occasions, when Mr. Cantrell could well have attended, his partner Dr. Webb had also officiated. He held that it was the duty of a substitute only to attend during the illness or absence of the appointed medical officer. The guardians of the Belper Union believed that Mr. Cantrell was entitled to his fee, but not from them; and, acting under the advice of the Poor-Law Board, they had opposed his demand.

Mr. GREAVES here read the following letters from the Poor-Law Board to Mr. Cantrell, in reply to communications from that gentleman.

"No. 18307 (B), 1857.

"Poor Law Board, Whitehall (S.W.), 13th June, 1857.

"SIR,—I am directed by the Poor-Law Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st ultimo, respecting your claim to be paid the sum of £5 for your services in the case of a poor person named Henry Smith.

"In reply, I am directed to state that the guardians of the Belper Union have forwarded to the Board the order for medical attendance given by Mr. Benjamin Street, the assistant-overseer of Wirksworth. The Board perceive that the order was addressed to 'Messrs. Cantrell and Webb'; and they do not, therefore, consider it can be regarded as an order upon the medical officer which the guardians are bound to adopt; and, as they decline to do so, the Board are of opinion that you have no legal ground for complaint against the guardians. They are not aware, however, of any reason why Mr. Street, the assistant-overseer, who called upon you and your partner to attend Henry Smith, should not be applied to, to pay a proper compensation for the services which you rendered in his case. It will be open to the assistant-overseer to charge the amount in his account, assuming that the case was one in which he was justified in providing medical attendance at the cost of the poor-rates. "I am, sir, your obedient servant,

"COURTENAY, Secretary.

"To William Cantrell, Esq., Medical Officer of the Wirksworth District, Wirksworth, Derbyshire."

"No. 22248 (B), 1857.

"Poor-Law Board, Whitehall (S.W.), 26th June, 1857.

"SIR,—I am directed by the Poor-Law Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, in reference to the fee which you have claimed for attendance in the case of Henry Smith.

"I am directed to state that the question at issue between you and the guardians of the Belper Union, in the case in question, is one of strict legal liability; and the Board see no reason to depart from the opinion which they expressed in the letter which they addressed to you on the subject on the 13th instant. "I am, sir, your obedient servant,

"COURTENAY, Secretary.

"To William Cantrell, Esq., Medical Officer, Wirksworth, Derbyshire."

His HONOUR inquired whether Mr. Greaves was prepared to adopt those letters.

Mr. GREAVES replied in the negative, but stated that he was extremely anxious to do the best he could for his clients, who believed that the overseer was the person liable for the claim.

In giving judgment, his HONOUR said it was perfectly clear that Mr. Cantrell had received a written order to attend the man Smith, within a reasonable time, from a competent authority; for the order bore the date of the day of the accident. The nature of the case was of such a serious character that it could hardly be expected that the overseer of Wirksworth would deliberately sit down, in the midst of such excitement as usually prevails after an accident of this kind, to write an order for the parish surgeon; nor would the surgeon, actuated by

common feelings of humanity, refuse to interfere in so desperate a case until such order had been given him; but the overseer, who knew the man's circumstances well, having promised the surgeon an order, on reaching his home he wrote it and sent it to him. With regard to the order being addressed to "Messrs. Cantrell and Webb", he held that, whatever it might be with reference to Dr. Webb, it was essentially an order for Mr. Cantrell, and could not affect his claim as medical officer of the Union. He considered it absurd to suppose that a surgeon in extensive practice, who necessarily had a great many cases to attend to, could not employ occasionally a qualified gentleman as his substitute; and in this case he certainly thought that the surgeon had given very great attention. The medical man had nothing to do with Smith's circumstances. He received the order, was bound to attend to it without inquiring about the man's condition in life, and was therefore most justly entitled to a verdict, with costs.

**ALLEGED REMEDY FOR HYDROPHOBIA.** At a recent meeting of the Academy of Sciences in Paris, M. Guérin-Méneville sent in a letter on the *Cetonia aurata*, or rose beetle, which for some time past has engrossed the attention of naturalists as a remedy for hydrophobia. M. Méneville stated, from personal experience, that in the governments of Voroneje and Koursk, in Russia, it is customary to give dogs half a beetle in powder from time to time, mixed with bread crumbs, as a preservative against that disease; and that the Russians affirm that there are persons who cure hydrophobia radically by means of the fresh juice of a certain plant. He further suggested that the want of freshness may be the reason why these juices preserved in chemists' shops do not produce the desired effect.

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**DISPENSERS FOR THE ARMY.** Major S. G. Bunbury, commanding the Medical Staff Corps at Chatham, has received an order directing him to hold in readiness thirty orderlies, ward-masters, and stewards of that corps, who are to proceed to India for the purpose of being employed as assistant dispensers in the military hospitals.

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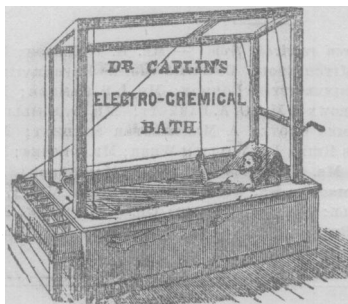
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