

success in Demerara, went to London, and entered into partnership with Mr. Parker, a druggist, and the "Fever Drops" became the property of *Messrs. Parker and Co.*

"The following are some extracts from the letters of Mr. Willson, referred to by Dr. Blair:—

"Mr. Parker undertook to bring the medicine before the public, and to conduct the mercantile part of the business, finding whatever capital might be required.—Warburg bound Parker not to endeavour to discover his secret; and to allow him to store 32 puncheons of extracts (which were said to contain the effective ingredients of 3,000,000 of bottles), where he, Warburg, chose, and in a place which was to be kept secret from Parker.—Parker paid Warburg about £600 for the duties and expenses of these extracts. He furnished a house for him at the expense of the firm, costing £300. He paid him about ten pence per bottle for the other ingredients of the medicine. Fitted up a laboratory and warehouse for the sale of it, without any limit as to the expense. Introduced Dr. Warburg to his friends as a gentleman of science and property; and *advertised* the medicine, until he had advanced nearly £3,000 in the whole....

"At last—a variety of little circumstances occurred to throw suspicion on the truth of Warburg's high pretensions, till Parker is at length convinced.... He will not allow his capital to remain in the business, unless he is satisfied that the 32 puncheons of extracts, which were said to be shipped from Demerara, are really in existence.... He declares that he will not continue connected, in any way, with one who has been guilty of such gross misrepresentations.... He believes that the concern would yield a very good income, but says that he is prepared to face the loss of all he has embarked in it, rather than compromise his character, by continuing in partnership with.... Such is a meagre sketch of a romance of real life, which, in the hands of a novelist of genius, might be made very interesting."

"With this 'romance' the discussion shall terminate, so far as I am concerned. Allow me, however, before concluding, to express my unfeigned respect for your benevolence, your zeal, and single-mindedness. Alas! that these truly Christian qualities should constitute the very character of all others which cunning and imposture the most eagerly try to ensnare."

ACTION FOR RECOVERY OF FEES FOR OPERATING.

Harborough County Court, 19th January, 1857.

ODY, v. THE GUARDIANS OF HARBOROUGH POOR-LAW UNION. THE plaintiff conducted his own cause. Mr. Douglass appeared for the defendants.

The plaintiff stated that he sought to recover a fee of £2, for the amputation of a finger for George Bale, whom he asserted to be a pauper, and whom he attended in his capacity of parish surgeon. George Bale had been at work in the Brick Yard, at 6s. per week, up to the time of the accident, which occasioned the attendance of Dr. Ody. Bale applied for relief at the next meeting of the Board of Guardians, and was ordered by them to be received into the union house. His age exceeded sixteen years by a few months, by which circumstance he was no longer chargeable on his father. Mr. Douglass, for defendants, admitted the appointment of the plaintiff as union surgeon, and the proper amount of the fee, which is according to the scale issued by the Poor-Law Commissioners; but contended that the plaintiff was not entitled to recover—1st, because he had not obtained an order from a relieving officer or overseer to attend upon George Bale; 2nd, because George Bale was not a pauper.

The JUDGE decided that although an order imperatively demanded the attendance of the surgeon, the want of it did not disqualify him from giving such attendance, or from recovering his fee, on showing that the person so attended was a pauper; and in this case he was clearly of opinion that the boy was a pauper.

Mr. DOUGLASS then objected that plaintiff had neglected to obtain, before performing the operation, the certificate of a qualified surgeon, "that the operation was necessary, and proper to be then done", as required by Art. 178 of the New Poor Law.

This objection was held to be fatal to the cause of the plaintiff, who was therefore non-suited.

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A VILLAGE DOCTOR. Your letter arrived too late for insertion this week.

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