

the motions were very brown. "Under the microscope, this was found to contain a large quantity of glandular epithelium, either separate or in distinct tube-casts . . . all deeply tinged with a brown colour; no blood-globule was seen amongst them. The colour of the evacuation was altogether owing to the epithelium it contained. These facts are conclusive as to the possibility of colouring matter being obtained from the intestine, and they indicate pretty clearly the extent concerned." . . . After describing the characters of an ordinary fæculent evacuation, he adds: "This epithelium and granular matter is all impregnated with a brown pigment, and is usually the only colouring matter to be seen; and nitric acid does not produce in it the characteristic reaction of bile."

I am, etc.,

THOMAS INMAN, M.D.

Liverpool, October 4th, 1861.

HYDROPATHY AND HOMŒOPATHY AT MALVERN.

LETTER FROM R. B. GRINDROD, M.D.

SIR,—A regular reader of your journal, my attention has been naturally called to your editorial article of the 21st, entitled "Homœopathy: Worcestershire Water Doctors." I write on two grounds: the one in self-defence, not desiring to be included under your severe castigation; the other, to give you some results of personal experience.

About twelve years ago, I commenced my career in this place as a hydropathic practitioner; but avowedly making therapeutic use of water in combination with legitimate medicine.

I issued a private circular, which I forwarded to all applicants (a copy of which I enclose for your perusal), in which I distinctly stated my desire to "act in concert with the medical attendants of those individuals who proposed to submit themselves to my care," and requesting parties "making applications to explain to their medical advisers my earnest desire to correspond with them on the nature of their cases, and, in mutual professional confidence, to unite in the common object of relief or cure"; adding a remark on "the necessity either of personal examination (of each case before admission to the establishment), or correspondence with the medical man in regular previous attendance."

My avowed intention, in short, was to act in perfect union with the profession, and to supply what I believed to be a want, *i. e.*, an establishment where medical men could with confidence send their patients for rational and moderate water treatment and medical hygiene.

I well recollect the advice given to me by a very distinguished metropolitan physician to whom I explained my views. "You will never succeed," was his remark, "the profession is too much divided by jealousy and influenced by prejudice, and will not appreciate your design"; and, he added, as if in sympathy with what he imagined would be a hard and unsuccessful career, "I advise you to look to your own interests."

My interest, pecuniarily considered, was to embrace quackery in every form; to amuse, from time to time, my patients, like various of my neighbours, with large doses and infinitesimal doses, with mesmerism, clairvoyance, etc., and to fill my pockets.

I have, however, in spite of every temptation, resolutely carried out my original plan; and, by dint of hard work and impaired health, succeeded in gaining a highly successful position, and one, too, which places me beyond suspicion as to motives in my present communication.

In making this statement, I beg to observe that I do not owe any thanks to the legitimate members of the profession; nay, I am bound, in truth, to say that they

have largely impeded my success by their special recommendation of the hydro-homœopathic practitioners.

I owe, however, many acts of kindness to homœopathic physicians, who, unsolicited, have sent me patients, and recommended my establishment. On the other hand, many patients who have been advised to place themselves under my care, on stating their intention to try the water treatment to their ordinary legitimate medical attendants, have been by them recommended to place themselves under the care of one of the homœo-water doctors of the place. I recollect well, in one week, being told by four persons that they were advised by their medical attendants to place themselves under the care of Dr. Gully, or one of the other homœopathic medical men of Malvern. Only two or three days since, a lady told me that on her first visit to Malvern some years ago to place herself under the care of Dr. Gully, she did so under the advice, and was accompanied to the place by a well known surgeon of the city in which she then resided, her ordinary medical attendant.

The paragraphs quoted in your article of the 21st, from your correspondent, are not only not overstated, but under the truth. I could adduce scores of cases in illustration; nay, I firmly believe that the largest support given to the hydro-homœopathic practitioners of Malvern has been by our distinguished metropolitan and provincial physicians and surgeons. I do not, of course, mean to affirm that these gentlemen for a moment intended to place their patients under homœopathic care; but they must have been aware, or could easily have satisfied themselves by inquiry, that such was the case, that the water practitioners whom they recommended were also homœopathic prescribers, and have estimated the consequences.

I do not also affirm that many parties, if they had known of my own peculiar medical practice, would not have mentioned my name, but inquiry would easily have led to practical information.

I confess that experience chilled my ardour, and deterred me from taking any steps to make my views known to the profession. When I saw such deservedly well known men as Mr. Booth Eddison of Nottingham, formerly president of the British Medical Association, place himself under the care of Dr. Gully; when I saw Mr. B. Vallance of Brighton, post himself from Malvern, when under the same physician's care, to read the annual retrospective surgical address of the same distinguished body; when I heard of Mr. T. Spencer Wells being at one time in Dr. Gully's establishment, and subsequently under his care as an out-patient; when I heard of Dr. Symonds of Bristol refusing to meet Dr. Gully, on homœopathic grounds, in consultation in a dangerous case, and Dr. Robert Lee of London afterwards coming down to supply his place; when I saw a late distinguished physician of the Consumption Hospital also come down under the care of Dr. Gully (like the rest, doubtless, only for hydropathic treatment); when I saw the late eminent Dr. Sutherland bring down a near relative to a hydropathic establishment in this place, and sit at the same table day by day with a homœopathic physician; when I witnessed scores of similar cases—I felt that no principle of action guided the legitimate members of the profession, and I determined to go on quietly, and to leave the matter to work out its own natural results; and so it has, in the conversion of hundreds and thousands to a belief in the truth of homœopathy, clairvoyance, and other similar methods of medical treatment.

In making the above statements, I have no personal feelings to gratify. I cannot injure in any way the physicians in this town to whom I allude; for they have reaped the reward of their labours and the friendly help extended to them, and are become rich in this world's possessions; nor can I aid myself, for my practice is now large and rapidly increasing. I merely satisfy my

own feelings, and desire to place myself beyond your editorial ban, and at the same time to explain my true past and present position.

I am, etc., R. B. GRINDROD.

Townshend House, Malvern, Sept. 26, 1861.

Medical News.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREW'S. List of gentlemen on whom the degree of Doctor of Medicine was conferred, in October 1861:—

Armstrong, James, M.R.C.S. & L.A.C., Armagh
 Beaumont, Joseph W., L.R.C.P.Ed., M.R.C.S. & L.A.C., Sheffield
 Blaxall, Francis Henry, M.R.C.S. & L.A.C., R.N.
 Borrows, Robert, Lic. Fac. Phr. & Surg. Glasg., R.N.
 Cassells, James Patterson, M.R.C.S., Anderston, Glasgow
 Cronin, Eugene F., L.A.C., Westminster
 Davy, Humphry, M.R.C.S. & L.A.C., Penzance, Cornwall
 Drury, John Thomas C., M.R.C.S. & L.A.C., London
 Duggan, William N., L.R.C.S., East Indies
 Earle, James L., M.R.C.S. & L.A.C., Birmingham
 Foster, Philip, M.R.C.S., Leeds
 George, Edward, M.R.C.S., Calcutta
 Gray, William John, M.R.C.S. & L.R.C.P.Ed., London
 Hammond, William, L.R.C.S.Fd., Brechin
 Harper, Henry L., M.R.C.S. & L.A.C., Chester
 Hodgson, R. W., L.R.C.P.Ed., M.R.C.S. & L.A.C., Northallerton
 Holman, Henry, M.R.C.S. & L.A.C., Crediton, Devon
 Lidderdale, John, M.R.C.S., F.R.C. & L.A.C., Kintbury, near Hungerford
 Luce, James J., L.R.C.P.Ed., M.R.C.S. & L.A.C., London
 Lynn, Robert D., L.R.C.P.Ed. & M.R.C.S., Newcastle-on-Tyne
 O'Donnell, James, Lic. Fac. Phr. & Surg. Glasg., & L.A.C., 8, Park Street, Westminster
 Osborn, Samuel, M.R.C.S., F.R.C.S. & L.A.C., Brixton, Surrey
 Owen, Harvey K., F.R.C.S. & M.A.S., Clapham
 Procter, William, M.R.C.S. & L.A.C., York
 Pyburn, James, M.R.C.S. & L.A.C., Newcastle-on-Tyne
 Richards, Caleb C., M.R.C.S. & L.A.C., Caerphilly, South Wales
 Ricketts, Charles, M.R.C.S. & L.A.C., Birkenhead, Cheshire
 Shea, John, M.R.C.S., L.A.C. & B.A.Lond., London
 Smith, Sidney, M.R.C.S. & L.A.C., London
 Starke, Anthony G. H., M.R.C.S. & L.A.C., Hanley, Staffordshire
 Tanner, Robert, M.R.C.S. & L.A.C., Ledbury, Hereford
 Taylor, William H., M.R.C.S. & L.A.C., London
 Thompson, C., L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S. & L.A.C., Leicester
 Waters, A. T. Houghton, M.R.C.P., Liverpool
 Welsh, James, L.R.C.S.Fd., Crewe, Cheshire
 Wollaston, Thomas G., M.R.C.S. & L.A.C., London
 Woodward, William, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.L. & L.A.C., Worcester
 Wyllie, Andrew, L.R.C.P.Ed. & L.R.C.S., Kirkpatrick-Durham

APOTHECARIES' HALL. On October 3rd, the following licentiates were admitted:—
 Bubb, John, Cheltenham
 Gambier, Thomas, Canterbury

APPOINTMENTS.

*GREENHALGH, R., M.D., elected Lecturer on Midwifery to the Medical School of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and Physician-Accoucheur to the Hospital.

ROYAL ARMY. The following appointments have been made:—

JONES, Assistant-Surgeon M. J., 72nd Foot, to be Staff-Assistant-Surgeon, *vice* Biddle.
 LANGSTAFF, Assistant-Surgeon T. F., 10th Foot, to be Assistant-Surgeon 23rd Foot, *vice* Squire.
 PEARSON, Assistant-Surgeon D. R., M.D., Rifle Brigade, to be Assistant-Surgeon 72nd Foot, *vice* Jones.

ROYAL NAVY. The following appointments have been made:—

ALLEN, James, M.D.	} Acting Assistant-Surgeons, to the <i>Impregnable</i> , for Plymouth Hospital.
CLAPP, William P., Esq.	
CONNELLY, Nicholas T., Esq.	
HARKE, Mark A., Esq.	
RYALL, William F., Esq.	} Acting Assist.-Surgeons, to the <i>Victory</i> , for Haslar Hospital.
BOLTON, Abraham J., Esq.	
KNAGGS, Sydney H., Esq.	
LONGFIELD, William D., Esq.	
MULLIN, A. A., Esq.	
ADAM, William H., Esq., Surgeon, to the <i>Simoom</i> .	
ALLISON, T. D., M.D., Assist.-Surgeon (additional), to the <i>Hibernia</i> .	
ASSLIN, William J., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the <i>Warrior</i> .	
CURTIS, George, Esq., Acting Assistant-Surgeon, to the <i>Spitful</i> .	
DUNWOODIE, John, Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to Haslar Hospital.	

HANEURY, J., Esq., Acting Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Nile*.
 HOGG, Abraham, Esq., Acting Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Encounter*.
 LEWIS, William H., Esq., Surgeon (additional), to the *Nile*.
 MASON, Richard F., Esq., Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets, to Jamaica Hospital.
 O'TOOLE, Richard B., Esq., Acting Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Racer*.

VOLUNTEER CORPS. The following appointments have been made (A.V.—Artillery Volunteers; R.V.—Rifle Volunteers):—

ARDEN, A. O., Esq., to be Surgeon 1st East York R.V.
 WALKER, T., Esq., to be Assistant-Surgeon 1st East York R.V.

To be Honorary Assistant-Surgeons:—

WADSWORTH, G. B., Esq., 12th Sussex R.V.
 WATSON, J. D., Esq., 1st Stirlingshire A.V.

PROMOTIONS. The following promotions of Naval Assistant-Surgeons to the rank of Surgeon, have been made:—

ADAM, William H., Greenwich Hospital.
 CRAIG, Thomas, H.M.S. *Firebrand*.
 DICK, James N., Chatham Royal Marine Infirmary.
 LEWIS, William J., H.M.S. *Nile*, North American Station.
 M'GAHAN, Thomas, Plymouth Hospital.
 STEVENSON, Archibald, H.M.S. *Hero*, Channel Squadron.
 TRONSON, John M., M.D., H.M.S. *Fisgard*.

BIRTH.

ASHDOWN. On October 8th, the wife of *George Ashdown, Esq., Northampton, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

CURTIS. On October 4th, at Staines, Maria, wife of Albert Curtis, Esq., Surgeon.
 PHILIP, St. L., M.D., of Trinidad, at Great Coram Street, aged 53, lately.

ELECTRICITY OF THE TORPEDO. M. Moreau has reported to the French Academy of Sciences that he has succeeded in collecting the electricity of the torpedo by means of an electroscope and gold condenser.

FERTILISATION OF PLANTS BY INSECTS. Mr. Charles Darwin has, we read, prepared for publication a small work, containing his experience *On the Fertilisation of British Orchids by means of Insects*. It will form a sort of sequel to his work, *The Origin of Species*.

OPHTHALMIA IN THE PRUSSIAN ARMY. An official return just published in Prussia shows that not fewer than 4,789 soldiers are now suffering from ophthalmia, and that 2,609 of them are in the corps of Pomerania.

THE HERBERT TESTIMONIAL. The first response to the meeting held at Salisbury to perpetuate the memory of Lord Herbert, has been a donation from the Earl of Normanton of £500 for the proposed hospital, and £100 to the fund for erecting a statue.

PATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY. The first meeting of the Pathological Society for the ensuing session will be held at the rooms of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, in Berners Street, on the evening of Tuesday, October 15th, at 8 o'clock, for the exhibition of specimens as usual.

THE CORONERSHIP OF WEST MIDDLESEX. A rumour is prevalent that Mr. Wakley, whose health has recently been in an unsatisfactory state, is about to resign this important post, and that his son, Mr. T. H. Wakley, a member of the medical profession, will be nominated for the office. Several legal gentlemen have also been named as probable candidates; and amongst others we are informed that Mr. Charles E. Lewis, a well known solicitor in London, will be proposed for the office, in the event of a vacancy. (*Standard*.)

AQUARIUM. A splendid aquarium has been inaugurated in the Jardin d'Acclimatation in the Bois de Boulogne. The building is a long gallery, terminated at each end by pavilion-formed vestibules, painted in fresco, after the *Aquaria of Hercules*. The gallery is 150 feet long, the glass cases forming one side of it, and the