

THEOPHILUS PARVIN, M.D.,  
Philadelphia.

WE regret to announce the death of Dr. Theophilus Parvin, the well known American obstetrician and gynaecologist, which took place at Philadelphia on January 9th. He had been gravely ill for some weeks with cardiac asthma. Dr. Parvin, who was descended from Cæsar Rodney, one of the signatories of the Declaration of Independence, was born at Buenos Ayres, where his father was a missionary, on January 9th, 1829. Early in childhood he came to Philadelphia, where he received his preliminary education. After graduating in arts in the University of Indiana in 1847 he entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, where in due course he took his doctor's degree. He practised for a time at Indianapolis, and was afterwards Professor successively in the Ohio State Medical College, the University of Louisville and the Indianapolis Medical College. He was appointed to the Chair of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the Jefferson Medical College in 1883. This position he continued to hold until his death.

Dr. Parvin contributed largely to the literature of his speciality. He was the author of an excellent treatise entitled *The Science and Art of Obstetrics*, and he was the editor of a translation of Winckel's work on diseases of women. He was a highly accomplished man, with a good grounding of scholarship, and his knowledge was vivified by a keen sense of humour. He was an honorary member of several obstetrical societies in Edinburgh, Berlin, and elsewhere.

J. CLELLAND CLARKE, M.B., M.R.C.S.

WE regret to announce the death of Dr. Clarke, of Long Causeway, Farnworth, in his 49th year. About a month ago, during the course of his professional work, Dr. Clarke contracted typhoid fever. Notwithstanding the assiduous attention of his brother, Dr. Carson Clarke, the younger brother succumbed on February 16th. The interment on February 19th at Farnworth Cemetery, Bolton, was attended by deputations representing many public bodies. Dr. Clelland Clarke was a Justice of the Peace and a County Councillor, and was highly respected in the neighbourhood in which he practised.

Dr. Clarke studied at Edinburgh University, where he graduated as M.B., C.M. in 1871, and in the same year he became M.R.C.S.

SURGEON-GENERAL ALEXANDER MACLEAN, M.D., died suddenly last week, at the age of 66, at his residence in Thurso. He entered the Army Medical Department in 1854, and had a distinguished record of service. He took part in the Crimean campaign, and was present at the battle of Balaklava. He also served through the mutiny in India, and took part in the siege and fall of Lucknow. During this period of service he was attached to the Black Watch. After his retirement he took an active interest in local affairs, and was a member of the Thurso School Board and a county councillor.

WE regret to announce the death of Mr. WILLIAM GROOM, J.P., of Wisbech, which took place on February 14th. Mr. Groom was the son of Mr. Joseph Groom, a former Chairman of the Wisbech Board of Guardians, and one of the original members of the Corporation. After receiving his preliminary education at Wisbech, he studied medicine at King's College, London, becoming a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons and a Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries in 1856. Mr. Groom then settled at Wisbech, where he held the position of Medical Officer for nearly all the districts in the Union at different periods, and for the Wisbech district for thirty-seven years. He was also Medical Officer to several of the local friendly societies, and was held in high esteem by rich and poor. He was President of the Cambs and Hunts Branch of the British Medical Association. He was Justice of the Peace for the Isle of Ely and Borough of Wisbech. He was a member of the Wisbech Corporation for nearly forty years, having been elected in 1859. In 1871 he was elected Alderman of the Borough, and in due course served the office of Mayor. He was also a County Councillor for the Central Division of Wisbech, and President of the

Wisbech Liberal Association for several years, and took an active part in elections and in other incidents of political life. Mr. Groom was a man of great energy and decided activity, and in all the many spheres of action upon which he entered he worked strenuously and won the good opinion of his fellow citizens. During the last two or three years he had been in failing health, but he did not take to his bed till two or three days before the end. He leaves a daughter and two sons, both of whom are members of the profession in practice at Wisbech.

WE regret to announce the death of Mr. EZEKIEL ROUSE, of Bideford, who passed away on February 9th after a long illness. He was the only son of the Rev. E. Rouse, of Moorwenstow, Cornwall, where the early years of his life were spent in study for holy orders. After a somewhat chequered career in the Colonies he returned to his native land and settled down to work hard at Edinburgh with a view of qualifying for the medical profession. He qualified as M.R.C.S.Eng. and L.R.C.P. and L.M.Edin. in 1871. Mr. Rouse practised for many years in Bideford, and was Honorary Surgeon to the Bideford Infirmary and Dispensary. Among the public appointments which he held were those of Medical Officer of Health and Analyst to the Bideford Rural District, Medical Officer of Health to the Northam District Council, and to the Barnstaple Port Sanitary Authority. His funeral, which took place on February 12th, was a military one, attended by the North Devon Volunteers, in which corps he had for years taken an active interest, holding the post of Surgeon-Captain. He had received the volunteer long service medal.

WE regret to announce the death of Professor RUDOLF LEUCKART, the distinguished entomologist and parasitologist of the University of Leipzig. He was born at Helmstedt in 1823, studied medicine and zoology in the University of Göttingen, where he was a favourite pupil of Rudolf Wagner. In 1847 he became Privat-Dozent at Göttingen, and in 1855 he was appointed Ordinary Professor of Zoology in the University of Giessen. In 1870 he accepted a call to the corresponding chair at Leipzig, which he occupied till his death. His great work, *Die Parasiten des Menschen*, which appeared in 1863, is still the classic treatise on the subject, and he contributed largely besides to the literature of the special department of medical science which he had chosen for his own. As a teacher he held a unique position, for he was justly regarded, not only in Germany but throughout the scientific world, as the greatest authority on the subject which he professed. He was an excellent comparative anatomist, and contributed articles on the subject to Wagner's *Handwörterbuch der Physiologie* and to Graefe and Saemisch's *Handbuch der Ophthalmologie*, besides collaborating with Bergmann in a treatise on Comparative Anatomy and Physiology.

DEATHS IN THE PROFESSION ABROAD.—Among the members of the medical profession in foreign countries who have recently died are: Professor Waldemar von Schroeder, Director of the Pharmacological Institute of Heidelberg; Dr. Karl Nikolas, Professor of Hygiene in Lausanne; Dr. Otto von Essen, of St. Petersburg, a Russian dermatologist of considerable repute, aged 35; Dr. Mænet, Member of the Académie de Médecine, Physician to the Paris Hospitals, and author of several works on the nervous system and hypnotism, aged 77; Dr. Ludwig Ruge, aged 81, the oldest practitioner in Berlin; Professor Leopold Auerbach, of Breslau, well known as a writer on neuropathology, aged 69; Dr. de Pietra-Santa, of Paris, formerly private Physician to the Emperor Napoleon III, editor of the *Journal d'Hygiène*, and an ardent advocate of sanitary progress, aged 77; Dr. Paul Hasse, formerly Medical Director of the Brunswick Lunatic Asylum at Königslutter, aged 68; Dr. L. H. Ripping, for many years Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum at Duren; Dr. William A. Love, one of the oldest and best known physicians in Georgia, formerly Professor of Physiology in the Atlanta Medical College, of which he was also President, aged 74; and Dr. Joseph F. Edwards, of Atlanta City, formerly Editor of the *Annales of Hygiene*, aged 45.