

CASE OF CONVULSIONS BEFORE LABOUR, WITH LOSS OF SIGHT.

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Mrs. G., aged 34, a strong, stout, healthy woman, of very regular and temperate habits, pregnant of her eighth child, and daily expecting her confinement, had been suffering for several days from great flatulent distension of the stomach and bowels, with painful eructations; pains about the sides and blade-bones, etc., which for three successive nights had deprived her of rest.

On the 19th of July, at 11 A.M., I was sent for in great haste to visit Mrs. G., and on arriving at the house, was informed that whilst looking at some bright object through the window, she had been, to her great alarm, suddenly and entirely deprived of sight. When I entered the room, my patient was unable to distinguish light from darkness; she complained of a sense of heat and constriction across the forehead, was quite sensible, but in a high state of nervous excitement. The pulse was unusually quick and hard, the skin warm and perspiring. I ordered two aperient pills, to be followed by an aperient draught, and a cold lotion to the forehead.

In the course of the morning I saw my patient again, and found her much in the same state.

At 6 P.M., I was again summoned, the messenger informing me that my patient had been convulsed several times, that her features had been much distorted, and that she was occasionally delirious. I went immediately, and was happy to find the convulsions less severe than they had been; that she was again sensible, and beginning to complain of pains at the lower part of the abdomen, which on examination proved to be the commencement of labour. I now ordered five leeches to each temple, and, as the bowels had not been relieved, a cathartic draught. From this time the pains gradually increased in force and effectiveness, and there was no return of convulsions; the leeches bled freely, and the medicine operated well. At half-past eleven, she was confined of a small but full-grown female child.

On making my visit the following morning, I learnt that my patient had had a comfortable night: she could now distinguish objects in the room; the pulse was still quick and rather hard; and she complained of tumultuous action in the region of the heart. On every subsequent visit I found my patient better, and may now pronounce her quite well. She is able to nurse her child, and states that she has made quite as rapid a recovery as after any former confinement.

Folkstone, July 30th, 1855.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

SECOND STATISTICAL STATEMENT FOR 1855, IN CONTINUATION OF THE FIRST STATEMENT PUBLISHED ON THE 10TH OF MARCH.

THE total number of subscribing members for 1854 was 2217. Of these, during and at the close of the year, 189 were lost by death and resignation.

Since the 1st of January, 158 members have been admitted. The members at present amount to 2186, viz.—

Members of 1854 carried to this year's roll 2026
Members admitted since 1st of January 160

Total subscribers for 1855 to this date 2186

The number of subscribers for this year is 28 less than the number for last year: but as 38 members entered after 10th August last year, the present numerical strength of the Association is 10 greater than it was at the corresponding date of last year.

On the 16th of March, the names of the 116 members admitted between 1st January and that date were published. The subjoined is a list of the 46 members admitted between the 16th March and the present date.

NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED SINCE THE 16TH MARCH 1855.

ENGLAND.

DEVONSHIRE.

Johnson, William Henry, Esq. Fiddletown

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*Pridham, Edward P., Esq., Consulting Surgeon
to the Dispensary Exeter

KENT.

Evans, William, Esq. Herne Bay
Francis, Robert S., Esq. Boughton, nr. Faversham
Geere, Richard, Esq. Edenbridge
Leggat, Richard S., Esq. Easby

LANCASHIRE.

Iyerly, Isaac, Esq. Seacombe, near Liverpool
Henry, James, M.D. Seacombe, near Liverpool
Macnought, John, M.D. Liverpool
May, Arthur Prime, Esq. Great Crosby

LINCOLNSHIRE.

Mackinder, Draper, M.D. Gainsborough

MIDDLESEX.

Bird, James, Esq. Upper Seymour Street
Brady, John, Esq., M.P. 1, Warwick Terr., Pimlico
Collinson, Alfred, Esq. 81, Connaught Terrace
Deville, A., M.D., Lecturer on Anatomy in the
Grosvenor Place School of Medicine 17, Gerrard Street, Soho
Greenhow, Edward Headlam, M.D., Physician to
the Blenheim Street Dispensary 77, Upper Berkeley Street
Sieveking, Edward Henry, M.D., Assistant-Physi-
cian to St. Mary's Hospital 3, Bentinck St., Manchester Sq.
Thornton, Philip, Esq. Hart Street, Bloomsbury
Thudicum, J. L. W., M.D. 34, Keppel St., Russell Sq.

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

Datt, Edgar, Esq. Abergavenny
Jennings, Octavius Henry, Esq. Newport
Sheppard, Alexander J., Esq. Usk
Smythe, Robert Abergavenny

STAFFORDSHIRE.

Sandford, Richard, Esq., Surgeon to the South
Staffordshire General Hospital Wolverhampton

SUFFOLK.

Jones, Robert, Esq. Sudbury

SURREY.

Watts, Charles Frederick, Esq. Thames Ditton

WARWICKSHIRE.

Baker, Alfred, Esq., Surgeon to the General Hospital .. Birmingham
Bolton, David, Esq., Demonstrator of Anatomy at
Queen's College Birmingham
Bucknill, Samuel Birch, M.D. Rugby
Cartwright, Alexander, Esq. Birmingham
Clarke, John, Esq. Kenilworth
Croft, Thomas, Esq. Snitterfield, Stratford-on-Avon
Hornblow, Richard Edward Brain, M.D. Leamington
Jordan, R. C. R., M.B. Birmingham
Keyworth, John W., M.B., Lecturer on Physiology
and Pathology in Sydenham College Birmingham

YORKSHIRE.

Dowman, Richard M., Esq. Ripon
Hanbury, Richard S., Esq., House-Surgeon to the
County Hospital York
Hill, Samuel, Esq., Medical Superintendent of the
Asylum Clifton.
Hornby, George, Esq., Demonstrator of Anatomy
and Lecturer on Physiology and Pathology in the
School of Medicine York
Keyworth, Henry, Esq., Surgeon to the Dispensary,
& Lecturer on Surgery in the School of Medicine, York
Pearson, Nathaniel, Esq. Sheffield
Procter, W., Esq., Lecturer on Chemistry and Medical
Jurisprudence in the Medical School York.

WALES.

BRECKNOCKSHIRE.

Bowen, Evan, M.D. Talgarth
Parry, Evan, Esq. Crickhowell

GLAMORGANSHIRE.

Sloper, Richard, Esq. Aberdare

SCOTLAND.

EDINBURGHSHIRE.

Craig, James, M.D. Ratho

In the present transition state of the Association, it is both interesting and instructive to watch the ebb and flow of members in particular districts, as well as to observe the actual numerical strength in different parts of the kingdom. Sooner or later, a revision of the Branch system may be called for; and then information of this kind will be essential. In the mean time, the subjoined table will assist in elucidating various difficult questions, which must arise in connexion with any attempt which may be made to establish a uniform and comprehensive plan for the fair representation of the medical profession in a General Council elected by county or district constituencies.

* Mr. Pridham resigned at the close of 1854; and his name appeared in the list of resignations published at p. 261 of JOURNAL for March 16th. He was readmitted in July 1855.