

escaped undetected. No point in the history of the case was considered too trivial, and no clinical fact was eliminated except after the most careful scientific and pathological investigation. During the nine years that he occupied the post of surgeon to the hospital three assistant surgeons served under him, each of whom considered that no task was too great if set by him.

Lockwood always expressed himself in few words, concise and dogmatic. He loved nothing better in the evenings, after the day's work was done, than that one of his friends or colleagues should drop in for a chat on surgery or fishing. When visited unexpectedly he was always to be found at work, engaged at his correspondence, writing up his cases—every case that he operated on, whether in hospital or in private, whether serious or trivial, was fully noted. Then, again, he was a serious author, his writings on 'Aseptic Surgery,' 'Hernia and Varicocele,' 'Appendicitis,' 'Carcinoma of the Breast,' &c., being accepted as standard works throughout the surgical world. During the last few weeks of his life he was fully occupied in working up the surgery of 'Movable Kidney'—delighted at being engaged in some new methods of treatment. He was always enthusiastic on his subject and always dogmatic, totally regardless of opposition, confident in his theories and practice. Of his writings, however, I have always thought that his 'Clinical Lectures' were most typical of the man—examples of his great powers of observation and attention to clinical details. He often used to tell me that he rather dreaded giving a clinical lecture. He was more nervous when talking than when carrying out the most serious operation, and it cannot be denied that his house surgeons and dressers occasionally experienced difficult afternoons. He suffered from neuritis, and certain exacerbations of this trouble led to some irritability of temper. At such periods his wit, usually humorous, became caustic. The nursing staff also suffered on these occasions, but he often said to me, 'Yes, I know they hate me, but they always come to me when they want advice and treatment.' No one could hate him in reality; such sentiments were impossible, but he was sometimes feared by those who did not know him and who did not fully appreciate his kindness of heart. To those who knew him well he was always lovable, though such a word barely expresses one's real sentiments; he was too notable a character—veneration more accurately defines one's feelings.

All his cynical traits, however, were abolished after his marriage seven years ago, and he had three children whom he adored. He remained as keen on his work, as unsparing of himself and as great a teacher, but the strain of hospital routine began to exercise some effect upon him and he retired from active hospital practice two years ago. He meditated leading a quieter life, took a house in the West of England, and there spent as much time as his private practice allowed."

Mr. Lockwood was buried at Instow, on the North Devon coast, on Nov. 12th, in the presence of a large gathering of friends. Earlier in the week a memorial service was held at the Church of St. Bartholomew the Less, close to the wards and theatres in which he had worked. He will long be remembered as a great clinical teacher and a great personality.

Correspondence.

"Audi alteram partem."

IN AID OF OUR BELGIAN COLLEAGUES.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—The committee whose formation has already been announced in your columns is desirous of starting an immediate attempt to help the Belgian medical practitioners and pharmacists whose plight is so movingly represented by Professor Jacobs, as the delegate from a Belgian committee having similar aims.

The committee has made all preliminary inquiries, and has come to the conclusion that the most practical step which it can take at once is the despatch to Belgium in portable form of packets of medical and pharmaceutical material. These packets will be made up by Messrs. Burroughs Wellcome and Co. in accordance with an approved list, and will be conveyed to Belgium upon advice received from the American Ambassador and Mr. L. Hoover, the Belgian Minister, the manager of Messrs. Harrods, Limited, and Major Gordon, who has already done such good work as a medium for practical assistance between this country and Belgium.

The committee has already received promises of a certain number of subscriptions which justify it in making an experimental consignment, but it appeals to the medical and pharmaceutical professions in this country for funds to enable the Belgian medical practitioners and pharmacists to carry on their work effectually so soon as military and political circumstances permit.

We appeal also for surgical instruments; many of these, though not of the latest pattern, will be extremely valuable. The following are especially required: scissors, dressing and artery forceps, scalpels, syringes, and midwifery forceps. The instruments should be sent at once to the Master of the Apothecaries Society, Apothecaries Hall, Blackfriars, London, E.C., and any small adjustments required in them will be made.

Further, we want money to help the refugee Belgian doctors and pharmacists in this country, most of whom have nothing in this world left to them.

The intention is that the work of the committee shall develop, as the conditions of Belgium permit, and that the work shall be associated with corresponding efforts in Great Britain and Ireland, in the United States and other countries which are neutrals or allies in the war.

Subscriptions should be sent to the honorary treasurer, Dr. H. A. Des Vœux, 14, Buckingham-gate, London, S.W., and cheques should be crossed Lloyds Bank, Limited.—We are, Sir, yours faithfully,

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