

control, and therefore it is necessary to inoculate the surface of the tumour at such distances as that the inflammation of one shall coalesce with that of another, and thus produce the cure of the whole. Mr. Vincent, therefore, might as reasonably expect to cure hydrocele by injecting the cellular membrane of the scrotum, as that of nœvus by vaccinating its circumference. The use of tartarised antimony is by no means so successful as the insertion of vaccine lymph; whether or not the latter has any specific effect I am unable to determine, but an observant experience warrants me in saying, that it causes a more appropriate and effective inflammation than the *tartarised antimony*; vesicles arising from its use generally cure the disease but very partially. I will not trespass further on your valuable time by comparing the advantages of this remedy with the various other measures employed for the cure of nœvus, but it is obvious that such a comparison would be much in its favour.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,  
D. E.

Birmingham, Aug. 24th, 1827.

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LITHOTOMY.

*To the Editor of THE LANCET.*

SIR,—In your Journal of the 24th of last month, there is a report from Panton-square of two cases, for which the operation of lithotomy was performed by Mr. Wardrop. In the first case your reporter states, that the patient had been under my care for *five years*; whereas, although he had been labouring under the complaint for that space of time, I had not been consulted respecting him more than *five or six weeks* previously to his admission into the Hospital of Surgery. After a few days I sounded him, and proposed the operation. Had I suffered a patient to have remained under my care without proposing the operation, for the time mentioned in your report, I should have thought myself highly culpable; therefore by correcting this unintentional error in any way you may think proper, you will much oblige

Yours, &c.  
W. SIMPSON.

Hammersmith, Sept. 3d, 1827.

PAUL PRY AT ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.

*To the Editor of THE LANCET.*

SIR,—I hope I don't intrude, but really I should like to know what has become of the subscription for a portrait of the treasurer of St. Thomas's, intended to be placed in the Library. It is no business of mine, you know, and really what I am going to tell you must go no further: but I dropped into the apothecary's den at St. Thomas's one day, some months ago, and there I saw written down on a sheet of paper—B. Travers, *5l. 5s.*; Dr. Williams, *5l. 5s.*; Dr. Elliotson, *5l. 5s.*, and so on. Now I like dearly to know what things mean, so I asked Master Dicky Whitfield (an old friend of mine, we were at Eton together,) what the subscriptions were for, "Oh!" says he, "to *hang* the treasurer with in the library," that is to say, his portrait; but there is some dispute as to the manner in which he should be *executed*; Mr. Joe Green thinks he should be painted in *distemper*, as it is a hospital picture; Pa thinks he should be painted as the good Samaritan, pouring in oil and *wine*. "We can pour in the wine, you know, Paul," continued Dicky, "if the treasurer cannot." Well, do you know, Mr. Editor, from that day to this I have not heard a word about the portrait. Pray make inquiry, and let me know about it.

Your obedient servant,  
PAUL PRY.

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PRESSURE IN UTERINE HÆMORRHAGE.

*To the Editor of THE LANCET.*

SIR,—I am much surprised at the disputes which have appeared in your two last Numbers respecting the application of pressure in uterine hæmorrhage, as I have been in the habit of using it for upwards of twenty-two years with the most beneficial effects; indeed since I adopted this, I have scarce ever had occasion to plug the vagina, as the pressure, if properly applied, seems to quicken the contraction of the uterus in a remarkable degree. The idea first struck me from finding that pressure on the inside of the uterus disposed it to contract. I always order the patient to be kept in a bent position, to relax the abdominal muscles, which allows the pressure to be used on the large vessels, as well as on the uterus.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient humble servant,  
WILLIAM JONES.  
Lutterworth, Aug. 25th, 1827.