

## ON A CASE OF AMPUTATION.

[NOTE FROM DR. MARSHALL HALL.]

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—I have received more than one note from more than one gentleman, relative to a remark which I made at the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, in regard to a case of amputation in a state of pretended insensibility, supposed to be induced by mesmerism.

To the first of these letters, addressed to me by a gentleman not of our profession, I sent the following reply:—

“Grosvenor-street, Jan. 16, 1851.

“SIR,—I duly received your note yesterday, and, in reply, beg to state—

“1. That the report of my observations in THE LANCET is perfectly correct.

“2. That the fact which I stated before the Medical and Chirurgical Society was communicated to me by a gentleman whom I have known for the third part of a century, and whom I regard as amongst the most honourable and truthful of men.

“3. That I do not feel called upon to give up this my authority to you without reserve; but that I will do so to any gentleman or gentlemen in strict confidence.

“4. That I have shown your note, and mentioned the facts of the case, to a friend, to whom my informant has been equally known for a long series of years, and that this gentleman's opinion entirely coincides with my own.

“5. That I never shall cease to raise my voice against everything derogatory to my profession, whether originating, unhappily, within its ranks, or coming intrusively, from without.

“6. That I am of opinion that, in these days of multiform folly and quackery, every member of my profession is called upon in honour to do the same.

“7. That you will be pleased to consider this as a final communication.

“I have the honour to be, Sir,

“Your obedient servant,

“To ———, Esq.”

“MARSHALL HALL.

A few days ago, I was told that the credibility of my statement at the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society would be called into question at the next meeting of that Society. I therefore addressed a note to my informant, a gentleman long known to Professor Grant, to Dr. Robert Lee, to Dr. Webster, of Dulwich, and to many others, in order that I might have his written authority for the truth of my statement. I enclose this gentleman's reply for your private perusal. It contains the following declaration:—

“The confession of the man was distinctly and deliberately stated to me by a person in whom I have *full confidence*.

“It was in Nottinghamshire that I was told the fact, last August, and I FULLY BELIEVE IT.”

I am, Sir, yours obediently,

Grosvenor-street, Feb. 27, 1851.

MARSHALL HALL.

## MR. CLULEY'S CASE OF CÆSARIAN OPERATION.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—My attention having been directed to a late number of THE LANCET, containing a report of the proceedings of the Medico-Chirurgical Society, at a meeting held January 28th, I observe that Dr. Lee, in alluding to my case of Cæsar operation, expressed a doubt as to the existence and condition of the subject of it. Without entering into any discussion, I beg to state that Mrs. ———'s recovery was perfect, that, with the exception of the disease which occasioned the operation, her general health since has been very good (now during a period of twenty months), that she is able to discharge the lighter part of her domestic duties, and fit even to take her stand among other curiosities at the approaching Exhibition.

The infant lived about seven months. Allow me this opportunity of transmitting a copy of letters addressed to Dr. Radford, called forth by the injustice done me in this report.

I am, Sir, yours respectfully,

Ashton-under-Lyne, Feb. 22, 1851.

W. CLULEY.

THE COLLEGE LECTURES.—Professor Owen will give his Introductory Lecture on the Aims of Osteology, illustrated by the Comparative Anatomy of the Temporal Bone, on Tuesday next, at four o'clock.

## MEETINGS OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETIES IN LONDON DURING THE ENSUING WEEK.

NOTE.—When the day of the month is not specified, no meetings take place

Societies.	—	Days of Meeting.
Epidemiological .....	Mon. 8½ P.M.	March 3.
Chemical, 142, Strand.....	Mon. 8 P.M.	” 3.
Medico-Botanical, 32, Sackville-st.	Tuesday.	
Medico-Chirurgical, 53, Berners-st.	Tues. 8½ P.M.	
Pathological, 32A, George-street, } Hanover-square .....	Tues. 8 P.M.	” 4.
Hunterian, 4, Bloomfield-street, } Finsbury .....	Wed. 8 P.M.	
Pharmaceutical, 17, Bloomsbury-sq.	Wed. 9 P.M.	
Harveian, 21, Edwards-street, } Portman-square .....	Thurs. 8 P.M.	
South London Medical, Borough ...	Thurs. 8 P.M.	
Western Medical and Surgical.....	Fri. 8 P.M.	” 7.
Medical Society of London, 32A, } George-street, Hanover-square }	Sat. 8 P.M.	” 8.

## Medical News.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.—The following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examinations for the diploma, were admitted members of the college, at the meeting of the Court of Examiners, on the 21st inst.:—

BAKER, JOHN DEANE, Oakhill, Somerset.

BEALE, WILLIAM CHAYTOR, Kennington.

BISHOP, EDWARD, Kirkstall, Yorkshire.

BRADY, JOSEPH, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

BROADWATER, WILLIAM JAMES, Cannon-street-road, St. George's in the East.

KING, CHARLES, Hon. East India Company's Service, Bengal.

ROULSTON, JOHN, Helperby, Yorkshire.

SHEELEY, WILLIAM HENRY, St. John's-street-road, Islington.

TURNER, WILLIAM FREDERICK JOHN, Horton, Gloucestershire.

VALLANCE, THOMAS JAMES, Stratford, Essex.

WHITE, ARTHUR DAVID, Winchester, Hants.

At the same meeting of the court, Mr. SAMUEL REGINALD POTTER passed his examination as naval assistant.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL.—In consequence of the residue of the estate of the late Sir John Elley, K.C.B., having been made over by the Court of Chancery to the executors in trust, to distribute it among some of the most valuable charities in the metropolis, many of the medical charities will be benefited by this liberality. The new hospital of St. Mary's, Paddington, has already received £100, and the Paddington Free Dispensary for the Diseases of Women and Children has also received a donation of £25 from the same source.

BATH UNITED HOSPITAL.—(*Weekly Report*).—In-patients: Admitted, 25; discharged, 25. Out-patients: Admitted, 192; discharged, 30. Remaining in the house, 74.—*Bath Gazette*.

TESTIMONIAL TO MR. ROBERT GARDINER HILL.—It will be seen in our advertising columns, that at a meeting held at Lincoln on February 21st, the Mayor of Lincoln in the chair, the following resolutions were agreed to:—“That the committee do express their sincere regret, that any doubt or question should, after the expiration of twelve years, have arisen as to the rightful claim of Mr. Robert Gardiner Hill to the ORIGINATOR of the humane system of ‘non-restraint’ in the Lincoln Lunatic Asylum.” “That the Committee, as an act of justice to Mr. Hill, feel bound to state they are in possession of such *incontrovertible* documents as evidence of the truthfulness of his claims, that they consider it imperative to carry out their original intention, and that subscriptions towards the testimonial will be received as heretofore announced—viz., by the Mayor, (Treasurer,) and the Old Bank, and the Lincoln and Lindsey Bank.”

HEALTH OF LONDON DURING THE WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15.—Some improvement in the public health is manifested. Under the influence of more favourable weather, the deaths, which in the first week of February were