

and his attention was more particularly directed to it, by its being attended with a distinct throbbing sensation. This swelling so rapidly increased in a few days, as to completely incapacitate him from walking. In this state he applied to the Hospital; when admitted, the aneurismal tumour was considerably larger than a pullet's egg, and completely occupied the popliteal space. The patient said, that it had increased rapidly within the last ten days. Its pulsation was strong. Pressure upon the artery at the groin completely restrained the pulsation, and the tumour then became almost obliterated. He was ordered to keep his bed. Some mild aperients were administered, and he was bled to 18 ounces. The operation was performed on the 26th Aug. There were two nerves closely in contact with the artery, where it was taken up. The nerve upon the inside of the artery was external to the sheath, and that upon the outer side of the artery was within the sheath. After the operation, the patient was placed in bed, a flannel stocking was put upon the leg, and it was laid upon pillows, slightly flexed. In a few hours the temperature had increased; the patient was free from pain, and only felt a little tingling sensation in the integuments of the leg.

27. He passed a good night. The stocking was removed. There was no pulsation in the tumour.

30. The limb is now of the same temperature as the opposite. The tumour remains much the same. The wound was dressed to-day for the first time; the upper part has firmly adhered.

Sept. 6. Since the last report he has been rapidly improving; the wound has healed at every point, excepting where the ligature is placed. The tumour has considerably diminished.

29. The ligature came away last Tuesday week, being 35 days after the operation. The wound has everywhere healed; the tumour is less than half its original size.

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WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL v. WESTERN HOSPITAL.

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To J. G. Guthrie, Esq., Surgeon, 2, Berkeley Street, Piccadilly.

SIR,—Although I have been repeatedly informed, within the last few weeks, that you have taken every opportunity of speaking disrespectfully of the Western Hospital—moreover, that you have actually stated, “it should not be recognised by the College of Surgeons;” I took no notice of such

illiberality, not only considering it as the mere effect of that jealousy for which—pardon me, Sir—I am conscious of daily giving ample cause, and as the production of the littleness of mind of a private individual; but deeming the source from which such conduct could proceed, beneath my notice. But now that I understand you have become a *public officer*, I feel it my duty *publicly* to inform you, that I do not consider such observations at all becoming one who has been, on entering his new office, *sworn* to impartiality; one who is only a *junior* surgeon to an hospital\* that contains only about seventy beds; one who, to obtain that very appointment, had to solicit my vote.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

W. W. SLEIGH.

25, Upper Seymour Street, Portman-Square, October 2, 1828.

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IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE OF THE SURGEONS  
AT THE BOROUGH HOSPITALS.

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To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—As you have invariably evinced a laudable readiness to publish, in your Journal, any communication calculated to advance the interests of the medical pupil, I am induced to request the insertion of the following:—

In consequence of the appearance, in last week's LANCET, of Mr. Earle's proposal to make his visit at Bartholomew's Hospital at 8 A.M., for the purpose of enabling the pupil to observe the practice of each surgeon, many of the Borough students, perceiving the advantages of such a regulation, are exceedingly desirous that a similar one should be adopted at one or both of the Borough Hospitals. Such a regulation appears particularly suited to the Borough Hospitals, as the visits are made usually on the same day, and at the same hour, at each; so that the privilege of attending the practice of both, does not exist in reality; yet the surgeons never fail to announce this fallacious privilege in their advertisements.

The adoption of such a regulation would not only be an act of justice to the pupils, but would be one of great personal convenience to the surgeon.

Should this intimation of the feelings of a great number of the pupils meet with proper attention, you will enjoy the gratification of having promoted in this instance, as

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\* This hospital is recognised only *per favor*. Vide Regulation the 2nd, of Royal College of Surgeons.