

DR. DUKE'S OPERATION FOR THE RECTIFICATION OF HARE-LIP.

CLAIMS OF PRIORITY OF PROF. SOUPART OF GHENT.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—In reply to Professor Soupart's letter respecting the use of "internal sutures" in hare-lip, cancer, &c., I beg to say that, although a similar idea might strike two different persons at the same time, I shall most gladly accede to him *priority*, provided my professional brethren &c. award it. He dates his cases from July 30th, 1851, but does not state whether or not they were publicly recorded.

On reference to my private memoranda (the particulars of which I shall be happy to lay before any private friend of the Professor), I find I performed the operation most successfully in a case of cancer of the lower lip, on the 18th of February, 1850, which is seventeen months prior to the date of his first case: this, I trust, will quite satisfy him as to whom is entitled the priority.

I cannot agree with Professor Soupart as to the necessity of the quill suture, as that would leave an unnecessary blemish; for I never in any case saw the sutures ulcerate through internally; and if they did, the inconvenience thence arising would not be material, and would not, in my opinion, interfere with the successful issue of the operation.

With regard to the incision, in reference to the coloured part of the lip, the plan I have ventured to recommend is more simple, answers every purpose, and entirely supersedes the necessity of using a multiplicity of instruments.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

Chichester, July 29th, 1853.

ALLAN DUKE, M.D.

THE NEW MEDICAL ACT.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—It was to have been hoped that *all* registered persons would have been enabled by the new Act to have recovered for both medical *and* surgical attendance, instead of which the doubly qualified alone can do this; the L.S.A. will be much in his old position—viz., able to recover in all medical cases, and all medical diplomatisers will have the same privilege with him; but the M.R.C.S. cannot now venture near a court of law except to recover in a surgical case only; practically he will be prevented from receiving the majority of his just debts, for, as every one in general practice knows, how many medical cases are attended to one really surgical.

What is now wanted to make the Bill work well in this essential particular (and there must be concession) is a nominal examination at both College and Hall, so that the singly qualified will be enabled to claim what they so hardly earn. Educate and examine the rising generation by a single board if you like, but do not prevent men years in practice from obtaining their hard-earned bills. At present the very large numbers who have joined the profession of late years through the College are completely prevented from so doing, and what will be the consequence? Instead of a firm hand being used in every instance, we shall find that numbers will continue to lose their debts rather than venture into a court to be bullied by a sharp attorney and nonsuited, because the law says that "medicine is not one and indivisible."

I am, Sir, yours,

July, 1853.

L.S.A. AND A ONE-FACULTY MAN.

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 July 30th:—

ALTHAM, JAMES, British Guiana.
GOODALL, RICHARD THOMAS, Ashover, Derbyshire.
GRANT, ROBERT ALEX. PETER, Dawlish, Devonshire.
HAIGH, HENRY WM., Huddersfield.
HART, WM., Tynemouth.
HIGGINS, HENRY, Peel, Isle of Man.
HOLMES, FK., Leeds.
JEPSON, OCTAVIUS, Gainsborough.
LEADAM, WM. WARD, London.

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MEADOWS, HENRY FK., London.
PHELPS, FK. PHILIP, Reading.
WILLIS, WM., Enniskillen.

The following gentlemen were admitted members on the 2nd inst.:—

BARFOOT, EDWARD, Islington.
DWYER, DANIEL, Dublin.
GARRINGTON, ARTHUR M., Portsmouth.
JOHNSTON, THOS., Bewdley, Worcestershire.
LUTHER, FRANCIS MICHAEL, Clonmell.
MACKENZIE, JOHN INGLEBY, Caius College, Cambridge.
SASS, EDWIN ETTY, Henrietta-street.
SMITH, EVAN M'LAURIN, Demerara.
VENNING, EDGCOMBE, Great Yarmouth.
WILLIAMS, WM. RHYS, Nottingham.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—Names of gentlemen who passed their examination in the science and practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on

Wednesday, July 28th, and Thursday, July 29th, 1858.

ALBERT, GEO. PASCAL, Peninsular and Oriental Company.
ALBURY, WILLIAM JOHN, Nassau, Bahamas, W.I.
BARKER, EDGAR, Oxford-square, Hyde-park.
BARKER, SAMUEL, London.
BEADLES, HUBERT, Broadway, Worcester.
BECKFORD, THOMAS LEAMAN, Newton Abbott, Devon.
CAYZER, THOMAS, Erith, Kent.
CONSTANT, FREDERICK GEORGE.
COOPER, GEOFFREY VEEL, Bristol.
COUCH, WILLIAM OAKLEY, Theberton-street, Islington.
DANIEL, RICHARD SYLVESTER, Manchester.
FARRANT, MARK, Collumpton, Devon.
GIBSON, JAMES EDWARD, Army.
GORST, RICHARD, Prescot, Lancashire.
HARVEY, HENRY OFFLEY, Hailsham, Sussex.
HIGGINS, ANDREW HENRY, Chester.
INGLE, ROBERT NICHOLAS, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.
JONES, PRICE, Llanrwst, N.W.
KAY, JOHN WILLIAM, Huddersfield.
LAKE, JOHN WILLIAM, Beverley, Yorkshire.
LEACH, HENRY, Wisbeach, Cambridge.
LEY, EDWIN GRANVILLE, Rochester.
LLEWELLYN, LLEWELLYN, London.
MACDOUGAL, ALEXANDER MASON, London.
PHILIPPS, EDWARD, Aberystwyth, Wales.
PIKE, THELWELL, Bucklebury, Berks.
SAMS, JOHN SUTTON, Blackheath.
SHOOTER, CHARLES, Yorkshire.
SKINNER, HORATIO GEORGE, Great Grimsby, Lincoln.
SOMER, JAMES, St. Cleathes, Cornwall.
SUMMERHAYS, WILLIAM, Crewkerne, Somerset.
SWAIN, WILLIAM PAUL, Devonport, Devon.
THOMAS, GRIFFITH ROBERT, Swansea.
VENOUR, WILLIAM, Teddington, Middlesex.
WALLIS, GEORGE, St. Martin's-le-Grand.
WILLIAMS, RICHARD PARRY, Minera, Wrexham, N.W.]
WILLIAMS, WILLIAM HENRY, Plaistow, Essex.

UNIVERSITY AND KING'S COLLEGE, ABERDEEN.—The following gentlemen, after examination, had the degree of M.D. conferred on them:—

ANDERSON, JOHN, London.
GRIGOR, ROBERT, Royal Navy.
HAMMOND, JOSEPH HUTCHINSON, Preston.
LOTHIAN, JOHN ALEX., East Lothian.
MARSH, JOHN CHAS. LORY, Nottingham.
MARSHALL, JAMES, Aberdeen.
MULHALLAND, CUNNINGHAM, Belfast.
OTTLEY, DREWRY, Pau, France.
O'REILLY, MICHAEL, Herts.
ROBERTSON, ANDREW, Aberdeen.
SMITH, JOHN GORDON, Aberdeen.
SMITH, ROBT., Old Aberdeen.
WARD, JOHN DOXON, Manchester.
WHITTELL, HORATIO THOS., Birmingham.
WOODHOUSE, JOHN, Hertford.

ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.—The following gentlemen, having undergone the examination required by the regulations of the Army Medical Department, were admitted Assistant-surgeons in Her Majesty's Service on the 31st ult.:—
Messrs. J. E. O'Loughlin, J. H. Jeffcoat, F. M. Chalk, F. R. Hogg, J. M'Kenzie, W. Lindsay, J. Walsh, J. G. Davidge, J. Kinahan, W. D. Carberry, J. G. S. Mathison, S. Argent, S. Archer, J. Wilson, W. Crisp, and S. H. Macartney.