

JOURNAL, vol. xxxiv, pp. 705-712—reference was made to a fatal case from nitrous oxid, reported in Philadelphia. The case occurred in the practice of Dr. John D. Thomas, who sends the following letter to correct the erroneous impression that death was caused by the nitrous oxid.

NEW YORK CITY, Aug. 18, 1900.

To the Editor:—This was not a case of death under nitrous oxid. A personal friend of mine had taken the gas on three previous occasions, and there was no apparent indication that he should not take it again. The gas was given and the right upper second and third molars were extracted. His recovery was complete in the usual time, and he rinsed his mouth with a tumbler of water while sitting in the chair. I had gone to my desk in another part of the room, and he arose from the chair and walked to the washstand, ten feet away. He filled the glass and returned to the cuspidor beside the chair and continued rinsing the mouth while standing. He conversed with me in the meantime. This, he repeated until he had used three glasses of water, occupying at least twenty-five minutes, after which he stood before the mirror, and with his right hand drew back his lips and endeavored to see where the teeth had been taken from. As he removed his hand he looked at it and said: "That hand feels numb." He looked a little pale, and as my first thought was that looking at the wounds had made him feel faint, I directed him to lie down on the couch while I proceeded to get him some brandy, and then I realized that his speech was thick and indistinct. Physicians were immediately summoned, and everything was done to save him, but he died about four hours afterward. The coroner's jury gave a verdict of death from apoplexy, and that the gas was not the cause of it, in accordance with the medical testimony given there.

The gentleman was certainly in such a physical condition that any exciting cause might have produced the same effect, and his taking the gas was but an incident leading to that effect."

Yours respectfully,

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Deaths and Obituaries.

WILLIAM J. MUSGROVE, M.D., was found drowned in the river at Hudson, Wis., August 11. He was graduated from McGill University, Montreal, in 1882, had practiced for several years at Drayton, N. D., and since 1892 at Grafton, N. D. He was Vice-President of the State Board of Health, and of the State Medical Society. He had been out of health and despondent for some time, and it is supposed that he committed suicide.

DAVID W. CONAUGHY, Latrobe, Pa., died August 10, after a long illness, from asthma complicated by the extreme heat, at the age of 72 years. He was a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, of the class of 1858; a member of the AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, State Medical Association, etc. He was highly esteemed and was intimately associated with all plans for the growth and betterment of Latrobe.

WILLIAM J. ELSTUN, M.D., formerly of Indianapolis, died at Washington, D. C., August 10, at the age of 62 years. He was a graduate of Bellevue Hospital Medical College in 1866, served as a physician at the Central Hospital for the Insane, Indianapolis, and was appointed special medical examiner in the pension department by President Harrison.

HENRY S. HURD, M.D., died August 11, at the home of his son, Dr. Henry M. Hurd, superintendent of Johns Hopkins University Hospital. Another son is Dr. Arthur W. Hurd, superintendent Buffalo State Hospital for Insane. The deceased was born in Roxbury, Conn., in 1815, and had practiced in Galesburg, Ill., from 1854 up to three years ago.

ELIAM L. STEWART, M. D., died at Carmi, Ill., August 11, aged 76 years. He was a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, of the class of 1860; served during the Civil War as surgeon of the 87th Illinois Regiment, and was the first mayor of his native town, Carmi.

GEORGE W. LIVESAY, M.D., died at Ironton, Ohio, August 5, aged 75 years. He was born in West Virginia, took his aca-

demic course in the University of Virginia and Columbia College, N. Y., and was graduated in medicine from the University of Pennsylvania in 1848.

EDWIN EVANS, M.D., died at Rome, N. Y., August 16, aged 56 years. He was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, in 1870, and was a member of the visiting board of the Oneida County Hospital.

EDGAR A. GRAFTON, M.D., Montreal, P. Q., was drowned while bathing in the St. Lawrence river at Berthier, P. Q., July 29. He was 33 years of age and a graduate of McGill University, Montreal, of the class of 1891.

FRED W. MEYER, M.D., died recently at Aguas Calientes, Mexico, of typhoid fever. He was a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago, 1899. He was buried at his former home, Montezuma, Ia.

JOHN L. ANCRUM, M.D., Abbeville, S. C., died at Rosdhu, August 6. He was graduated from the Medical College of the State of South Carolina, Charleston, in 1860, and retired from practice a few years ago.

CHARLES W. PARSONS, M.D., Louisville, Ky., dropped dead from heat exhaustion, August 18. He was a graduate of the medical department of Washington University, St. Louis, of the class of 1857.

ALBERT PAUL RUEDI, M.D., Forest Hill, Cal., committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart, August 6. He was 56 years of age, and had had a hemorrhage from the lungs a few days before.

THOMAS H. B. BROWN, M.D., died suddenly at his home in Bridgewater, Va., August 13, at the age of 65 years. He was graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1859.

JOHN F. KINCHELOE, M.D., Conway, Ark., died August 5, after a long illness. He was a graduate of the medical department of the University of Nashville, Tenn., of the class of 1871.

WILLIAM B. WINSTON, M.D., of Memphis, Tenn., died August 12, from gastric cancer. He was a graduate of the medical department of the University of Nashville, 1861.

THEODORE C. LAVERTY, M.D., of Middletown, Pa., died at that place on August 15. He was a graduate of the Jefferson Medical College, class of 1854.

HENRY J. COSTELLO, M.D., a resident of Philadelphia, died on August 13. He was a graduate of the Jefferson Medical College, 1895.

JULIUS C. RAPPOLD, M.D., Brooklyn, N. Y., died August 3. He was a graduate of New York University of the class of 1861.

DEATHS ABROAD.

SIR WILLIAM STOKES, surgeon-in-ordinary to the queen and consulting surgeon to the British forces in South Africa, died at Durban, Natal, August 19, at the age of 61 years. He was the son of Dr. William Stokes, regius professor, Trinity College, Dublin. In 1861 he was awarded the gold medal of the Pathological Society, and in 1864 he was made surgeon to the Meath Hospital. He was examiner in surgery in Queen's University, and had been president of the Pathological Society, the Irish Graduates' Association, and the Royal College of Surgeons. He was a member of numerous medical societies and an extremely prolific contributor to the literature.

DR. GIRARD, of Puy de Dome, at the age of 71 years, who was a member of the Chamber of Deputies for several years, and had served in the Riom city council and as mayor from 1863 till 1893.

DR. QUINTAA at Poret, his native town, at the age of 57 years. He was a republican senator from the Basses-Pyrénées, and had represented his province in the national legislature for eleven years.

JOHN STUART STEVENSON, M.R.C.S. ENG., L.R.C.P. LOND., Captain Indian Medical Service, died from heat apoplexy at Lucknow, India, July 20, at the age of 28 years.

DR. FRANZ MICHL, professor extraordinary of surgery at Prague.

DR. E. LEGALL, who co-operated with Berillon to found the "Institut Psycho-Physiologique" in 1890, has committed suicide. He was a chevalier of the Legion of Honor, 52 years of age and universally respected, but was financially unsuccessful, lived alone and in poverty.