

I should not have troubled you with this letter, but since the inquest there have been various reports afloat. Some think the inquest was altogether unnecessary, and that the doctor was too partial towards his own profession, and vindictive against the poor midwife; others think I have only done my duty. And as a young beginner, I should esteem it a great kindness, if you would inform me whether I shall be right in always making such cases as public as possible, or let them alone to die a *natural death*, and remain quiet at the time my fellow-creatures are losing their lives, when a little precaution might save them? This midwife informed the jury she took out her degrees the year George IV. died, and that she had attended several hundred cases. This is the second woman she has lost in the same family.

If you think this letter worthy of insertion in your journal, you will oblige, by so doing,

Yours faithfully,  
 King's-row, Walworth, March, 1852. LEWIS NEWNHAM, M.D.

INVERSION OF THE UTERUS.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—Mr. Forbes's paper, read before the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, on the 23rd of March, calls to my recollection a case of inversion of the uterus, which was successfully operated upon some years ago by a midwife at Coventry.

The subject of the operation was, I believe, an Irishwoman, and was attended in her confinement by a female accoucheur, who, after pulling away at the cord, and extracting the placenta, was greatly surprised to find a large tumour protrude from the vagina: not knowing the nature of which, and being unable to return it, she boldly decided upon taking it away; and adopted the simple, but very effectual, expedient of cutting it off with a razor. In this case there appears to have supervened neither the much-dreaded hæmorrhage, nor peritonæal inflammation, for, if I remember the history of the case correctly, the woman was quite well and walking about Coventry fair in a fortnight or three weeks afterwards. The excised uterus and appendages are, or were, in the Museum of the Queen's College at Birmingham.

I have seen inversion of the uterus in the cow (technically called "shooting the reed") successfully treated by keeping the hind quarters well raised, and applying a species of truss. But the great object is to prevent the propulsive efforts afterwards by large doses of opium.

As Dr. Tyler Smith remarked, "some modification of a truss might be useful in obstetric practice."

Your obedient servant,  
 Wolverhampton, April 1852. GEORGE EDWARDES,  
 Surgeon to the South Staffordshire Hospital.

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, 53, Berners-street	Mon. 8½ P.M.	April 13
Chemical, 5, Cavendish-square.....	Mon. 8 P.M.	
Medico-Botanical, 32, Sackville-st.	Tuesday.	" 13
Medico-Chirurgical, 53, Berners-st.	Tues. 8½ P.M.	
Pathological, 33, George-street, } Hanover-square.....	Tues. 8 P.M.	" 14
Hunterian, 4, Bloomfield-street, } Finsbury.....	Wed. 8 P.M.	
Pharmaceutical, 17, Bloomsbury-sq.	Wed. 9 P.M.	" 15
Harveian, 64, Edgware-road.....	Thurs. 8 P.M.	
Western Medical and Surgical, } 44, Sloane-street.....	Fri. 8 P.M.	" 16
Medical Society of London, 32A, } George-street Hanover-square }	Sat. 8 P.M.	

HYDROPHOBIA. — A man, residing at Epinay, in France, was lately bitten by a dog; he did not consider there was any danger, and contented himself with the application of a piece of rag to the wound. About three weeks afterwards he was seized with trembling. He was then taken to an hospital, where he received every attention, but he died the next day, after several hours of intense agony.

Medical News.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS.—At the quarterly meeting of the Comitia Majora, held on Monday, April 5th, the following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examinations for the diploma, were admitted members of the college:—

- DR. HENRY FOLKARD, Old Brompton.
- DR. LIEBERMANN, Clapham-road.
- DR. PROUT, Royal Hospital, Chelsea.
- DR. SALTER, Montague-street, Russell-square.

Also—

DR. OSBORN, Southampton,  
 was admitted an Extra-Licentiate.

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 2nd inst.:—

- BURKE, JOHN MATHEW, London.
- CARR, GEORGE WILLIAM, Kincardine, Upper Canada.
- CROSSLEY, CHARLES RICHARD, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire.
- CURGENVEN, JOHN BRENDON, Highgate.
- EVANS, WILLIAM, Anglesey.
- GRYLLS, WILLIAM RICHARD, Sydney, New South Wales.
- HAYNES, WILLIAM, Hon. East India Company's Service, Bengal.
- IZOD, IBBERSON, Birmingham.
- JEEVES, WILLIAM YOUNG, Sharrow Grange, Yorkshire.
- LEE, CHARLES, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
- SYMMONS, ROBERT FRANCIS, Bures, Suffolk.

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

Thursday, April 1st, 1852.

- BELLIN, WILLIAM FIELD, Great Yarmouth.
- BIRKS, GEORGE VAUSE, Manchester.
- COUCH, THOMAS QUILLER, Polpero, Cornwall.
- CROSSLEY, CHARLES RICHARD, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.
- HEDGER, ALFRED, South-street, West-square.
- LOMAX, ARTHUR ROBERT, Hereford.
- MATHEWS, HENRY JOHN DAVIS, Denmark-hill.
- NELSON, JOSEPH DUNN, Exeter.
- WHITE, THOMAS, Chester.

OFFICE - BEARERS OF THE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SOCIETY. — Session 1852-3. — *President*: Benjamin Guy Babington, M.D., F.R.S.—*Vice-Presidents*: Thomas Add on M.D.; Richard Bright, M.D., F.R.S.; Sir B. C. Brodie, Bart., F.R.S.; Sir W. Burnett, Knt., K.C.B., K.C.H., F.R.S.; Sir C. M. Clarke, Bart., M.D., F.R.S.; Rev. Thomas Dale, M.A., Canon Res. of St. Paul's; R. D. Grainger, Esq., F.R.S.; Sir Charles Hastings, M.D., Worcester; Sir John Liddell, M.D., C.B., F.R.S.; Sir James M'Grigor, Bart., K.C.B., K.C.T.S.; John Nussey, Esq.; John Propert, Esq.; G. L. Roupell, M.D., F.R.S.; Thomas Southwood Smith, M.D.; Colonel Sykes, V.P.R.S.; Thomas Watson, M.D.—*Treasurer*: Thomas Addison, M.D., Vice-President.—*Honorary Secretaries*: J. O. M'William, M.D., F.R.S., R.N.; J. H. Tucker, Esq.—*Members of Council*: C. A. Aikin, Esq.; G. H. Barlow, M.D.; James Bird, M.D.; Samuel Brown, Esq.; A. Bryson, M.D., R.N.; C. Finch, M.D.; R. Greenhalgh, Esq.; A. H. Hassall, M.D.; Edward Headland, Esq.; A. Helsham, M.D.; Thomas Hunt, Esq.; Waller Lewis, M.B., F.G.S.; J. F. Marson, Esq.; Gavin Milroy, M.D.; A. Nisbett, M.D., R.N.; George Pilcher, Esq.; E. C. Seaton, M.D.; F. Sibson, M.D., F.R.S.; E. Sieveking, M.D.; Professor Simonds, R.V.C.; J. Snow, M.D.; G. J. Squibb, Esq.; William Edward Swaine, M.D.; C. R. Walsh, Esq.

COD-LIVER OIL.—The *Columbo Observer* states that the physicians of India contend that the virtue for which cod-liver oil is so famous, is not confined to the oil extracted from cod-liver, but is equally shared by all fish yielding oil, including the common whale oil. The liver of the *seer* fish is also deemed by the medical gentlemen of India to possess great restorative qualities.

HOSPITAL STAFF.—Assistant-Surgeon J. R. Brush, M.D., has been promoted from the 2nd Dragoons to be Staff-Surgeon of the Second Class, *vice* Dixon, promoted to the 57th.