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time. And again, it is to be noted that schools on the Continent opened their doors to women and adopted the antiseptic surgery in advance of the English schools. This, in regard to the latter, is the more remarkable, as Mr. Lister is an Englishman, and not, as is usually supposed, a Scotchman.

I will close by adding that about three years ago a "thoroughly respectable" medical school for women was opened in Henrietta Street, Russell Square, and that it now has twenty-five students. Regular lectures are given to the third and fourth year students in surgery, pathology, medicine, and obstetrics, as well as in the specialties, and to the first and second year students in anatomy, physiology, and chemistry. Last year the Royal Free Hospital in Gray's Inn Road was given to this school, the services being under its exclusive control. The faculty is an able one, the names of Mr. F. J. Gant, Mr. Critchett, and Mrs. Elizabeth Garrett Anderson being found on its list. It is under the patronage of several persons of rank, and its executive department is in good hands. The only university in Great Britain which, until now, allowed women to come up for medical examination was Queen's University of Dublin, but it had no power to place the successful candidates on the Medical Register. This is the *sine quâ non* of the British practitioner. It will be understood that the action of yesterday of the University of London grants its degrees to women, and entitles them to registration, so that every difficulty in regard to their practicing medicine and surgery is removed. Yours truly, E. S. P.

LONDON, January 16, 1878.

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DR. BENJAMIN HASKELL.

MR. EDITOR, — It is with feelings of deep regret that I announce to you the death of Dr. Benjamin Haskell, of this town, which occurred on the 21st ult. His disease was pneumonia, and of only five days' duration.

Dr. Haskell was born in Rockport. He received his collegiate education at Amherst and his medical at Bowdoin. He first commenced practice in South Boston, remaining there but a short time. He then went to Illinois, but soon returned to his native place, where he remained, in an active practice of nearly forty years duration, up to the time of his death. He was almost sixty-eight years of age, the oldest physician on the Cape, and the longest in practice. He was a man who held original ideas on several subjects, having a peculiar theory as to the physiology of the nervous system.

So great was the grief felt at his decease that a public meeting was held in the town hall on the 22d ult., to give expression to the universal sorrow. Addresses were made by a number of our citizens, all highly eulogizing him and extolling his character as a man and as a physician. Appropriate resolutions were passed, and ordered to be printed in the *Cape Ann Advertiser* and presented to his family.

Dr. Haskell was one of the kindest, most generous, and unselfish men I ever met, extremely conscientious, always doing what he thought was right, and never swerving from his duty, no matter what others might say or do. To the poor he was always kind and gentle, never neglecting the humblest of his patients. He was known, and I have often heard him spoken of, as the "poor man's doctor." His fee was the last thing he thought of. He said to me one day, "I don't practice for money only," and he did not, for he might have been far better off in this world's goods had he been less generous and less unselfish. To the young man struggling along in his own profession he was like a father, as I know from personal experience and observation, always having a word of encouragement and a hand outstretched in time of need, — and who of us has not felt the need of such a friend! "Take him for all in all we shall not look upon his like again," and in many a household here his memory will long be cherished with feelings of grief mingled with gratitude. Yours very truly, A. M. TUPPER, M. D.

ROCKPORT, February 2, 1878.