

STRICTURE OF THE ŒSOPHAGUS.

MR. EDITOR :

No. 16 of the JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION contains an interesting article on "Stricture of the Œsophagus," etc., that reminds me of the following case :

One year ago Mrs. A. D. Peebles, of near Shelbyville, Ill., was taken with puerperal convulsions, and had three or four M.D.'s called. According to Mr. Peebles statement she was compelled to swallow pure, undiluted chloroform. In about three weeks after her confinement she had great difficulty in swallowing solid food, and in December last I was consulted and diagnosed stricture of the Œsophagus, and selected gradual dilatation, but they (Mr. and Mrs. Peebles) objected. I explained to them the use of the bougie and the danger of her disease, but some of their friends (?) insisted on their consulting a physician in Decatur, which they did, and was treated for "spasm of stomach."

I requested Mr. Peebles to write me, after his removal to Kansas, which he did, and the following letter will explain itself. Respectfully yours,

S. HARVEY LAMBERT.

Assumption, Ill., Nov. 2, 1883.

TWIN FALLS, KANSAS, June 16, 1883.

DR. S. HARVEY LAMBERT :

Dear Sir—I will take the liberty to write you a few lines, as I believe I owe you an apology for not writing to you as per agreement, about my wife's illness. Last winter her case developed into one of well-marked stricture of the Œsophagus. She thought of coming back to see you about it, but she got bad so fast, and it was so far to come. We tried all the doctors out here in this county, but got no relief, so I took her to Kansas City, Mo., to Drs. ——— and ———, Surgeons of Kansas City Medical College. They passed a bougie down the Œsophagus, commencing with small ones and increasing until they passed six different sizes.

She had not swallowed any solid food of any kind, not even as large as a pea, for three months and four days. But after the first operation she could swallow thickened soup, and after the second she could swallow almost anything she wished.

Dr. ——— said the stricture was caused by some very strong medicine given her last fall, during that spell of sickness she had. She stayed six days the first time, and went back once since and stayed two days at Kansas City. She is now about well. She was operated on once a day by the doctors.

Yours truly,

A. D. PEEBLES.

ALL the European Powers have signified their adhesion to the proposal of the Italian Government to summon a conference at Rome, with the object of making sanitary regulations, and drawing up an international sanitary code. Signor Maricini, Minister for Foreign Affairs, will shortly address a circular to the Powers on the subject.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CHANGES IN THE MEDICAL CORPS OF THE NAVY DURING THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 24, 1883.

Kennedy, Stephen D., Medical Inspector : dismissed the service by sentence of a general court martial.

OFFICIAL LIST OF CHANGES IN THE STATIONS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS SERVING IN THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT UNITED STATES ARMY, FROM NOVEMBER 16, 1883, TO NOVEMBER 23, 1883.

Moore, John, Lieutenant-Colonel : relieved from duty as Medical Director Department of the Columbia. (G. O. 29, Department of the Columbia, November 8, 1883.)

Brooke, James, Major and Surgeon : relieved from duty at Angel Island, California, and assigned to duty as Post Surgeon, Presidio of San Francisco, California. (Par. 1, S. O. 162, Department of California, November 14, 1883.)

Horton, Samuel M., Major and Surgeon : leave of absence, granted October 20, 1883, extended three months. (Par. 7, S. O. 266, A. G. O., November 20, 1883.)

Bache, Dallas, Major and Surgeon : assigned to duty at Fort Adams, R. I. (Par. 5, S. O. 215, Department of the East, November 19, 1883.)

Williams, John W., Major and Surgeon : granted leave of absence for one month on Surgeon's certificate of disability, with permission to leave the limits of the Department. (Par. 5, S. O. 157, Department of the Columbia, November 12, 1883.)

Town, F. C., Major and Surgeon : until further orders to perform the duties of Medical Director Department of the Columbia. (G. O. 29, Department of the Columbia, November 8, 1883.)

Munn, Curtis E., Captain and Assistant Surgeon : assigned to duty at Fort Warren, Massachusetts. (Par. 4, S. O. 216, Department of the East, November 20, 1883.)

Winne, Charles K., Captain and Assistant Surgeon : relieved from duty at Fort Winfield Scott, California, and assigned to duty as Post Surgeon Angel Island, California. (Par. 1, S. O. 162, Department of California, November 14, 1883.)

Appel, D. W., Captain and Assistant Surgeon : granted two months leave of absence. (S. O. 68, Division of the Atlantic, November 16, 1883.)

Cochran, J. J., First Lieutenant and Assistant Surgeon : assigned to duty at Fort Bayard, N. M. (Par. 5, S. O. 236, Department of the Missouri, November 15, 1883.)

Richard, Charles, First Lieutenant and Assistant Surgeon : relieved from duty at Fort Adams, R. I. (Par. 3, S. O. 216, Department of the East, November 20, 1883.)

Wilson, George F., First Lieutenant and Assistant Surgeon : to report in person to Lieutenant Schwatka, 3d Cavalry aid-de-camp, for temporary duty in connection with the completion of report of recent expedition to Alaska. (Par. 3, S. O. 156, Department of the Columbia, November 9, 1883.)