

Joseph Bell, the eminent Scottish surgeon, died on 4th October, 1911. He was the original of the character "Sherlock Holmes" of Sir Conan Doyle. He was born in Edinburgh in 1837. Dr. Conan Doyle was a pupil of Dr. Joseph Bell. Those who visited Edinburgh about 30 years ago when Bell was in his prime will remember what a brilliant operator and teacher he was.

The quincentenary of St. Andrews University was celebrated on September 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th. The affair was a very brilliant one, and many of her distinguished graduates were present, including Premier Asquith and Lord Roseberry. Mr. Andrew Carnegie who had already given liberally to the University, was presented with his portrait. Lord Balfour, the Chancellor, presided.

Dr. F. W. Pavy died in London on 12 September at the advanced age of 82. He was a distinguished authority on diabetes. He was a voluminous writer and what he contributed to medical literature was of the best. During his long life he had conferred on him many medical honors and held many high medical offices. He was for many years actively engaged in scientific work at Guy's Hospital. Of Dr. Pavy it may be truly said "he was every inch a man."

The Countess of Aberdeen, who it may be remembered was elected an Honorary Member of the British Medical Association at the annual meeting held in Belfast in 1909, was appointed Honorary President of the Infant Mortality Congress, recently held in Berlin, Prince Hohenlohe being the President. Lady Aberdeen was unable to take part personally in the proceedings of the Congress, as Her Excellency was already engaged at Stockholm with the meetings of the International Council of Women, of which she is President.

Among the members of the medical profession in foreign countries who have recently died are Professor Dieulafoy, the distinguished Paris physician, whose name is familiar to all students of medicine, aged 73; Dr. Charles Nélaton, surgeon to the Paris hospitals, *agrégé* professor in the Faculty of Medicine, and author of *Tubercle in Surgical Affections*, *The Relation of Traumatism to Cardiac Affections*, and other contributions to surgical literature, aged 60; Dr. L. Bruandet, professor of anatomy in the Medical School of Rheims, aged 36; Dr. Place, some time professor of physiology in the Medical Faculty of Amsterdam; and Dr. Karl Hennig, professor of obstetrics and gynecology in the University of Leipzig, aged 85.

Most of the gold mines of California are infected with hookworms, according to Drs. E. E. Endicott, of Jackson, and Herbert Gunn, of San Francisco, who discuss this subject in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. Hookworm disease is generally regarded as limited to the South, but Dr. Endicott says that he doubts if there are any deep