

August. So, having ascertained that my friend would be at home and at work in August and September, I proceeded to London on my way to the continent—not, however, until I had seen three abdominal sections by Mr. Tait. To these I shall refer later. On reaching the metropolis, I found that the Samaritan Hospital would shortly be closed, as is the annual custom, for a few weeks. During the three or four days I spent in London I saw Dr. Bantock and Mr. Thornton each do one abdominal section. These two gentlemen, with Mr. Meredith, constitute the surgical staff of the little hospital in which so much has been done for abdominal surgery by Sir Spencer Wells and themselves. The building is a terrace house, to which a few years ago two storeys were added. The management hope in a short time to have a new building, in every way better suited to the important work of this most interesting institution. Dr. Bantock and Mr. Thornton work side by side, doing by far the greater part of the work, but their methods differ widely in this particular, that Dr. Bantock abstains entirely from the so-called Listerian precautions, while his colleague observes them all to the most minute detail, and still, to say the least, their results are equally good—a remarkable fact, to say no more of it. I had a letter of introduction from Mr. Tait to Dr. Bantock, and was received by him with very great kindness indeed. Of pleasant reminiscences of my late visit to Europe, one of the pleasantest is, perhaps, of some long conversations with that gentleman on, of course, the great gynæcological topics of the day.

Of the well nigh fifty abdominal sections I saw while abroad, it was my singular good fortune to see very few simple and uncomplicated. I had thus an opportunity of learning the methods of dealing with ugly complications employed by some of the most eminent abdominal surgeons in the world. The operation I saw Dr. Bantock do was an ovariectomy, the cyst being extensively adherent to the parietes and the whole of the fundus and posterior surface of the uterus, while it was of the intra-ligamentous variety, and attached to the whole floor of the pelvis. The assistant was Mr. Alban Doran, assistant surgeon to the hospital,