

publishes the following important document, which was drawn up in the house of Sir James Paget, Bart.:—"The undersigned, having carefully considered the evidence in the recent trial for the murder of police-constable Talbot, and believing that certain statements made during the trial are likely to affect very injuriously the professional reputation of Mr. William Stokes and the surgeons who acted with him, desire to record their opinion that the bullet-wound in the neck of police-constable Talbot was the direct and sole cause of his death, and that no blame can be justly assigned to any of those by whom the wound was treated.—Caesar H. Hawkins, William Ferguson, T. B. Curling, James Paget, Prescott Hewitt, J. Ashton Bostock, John Eric Erichsen, John Birkett, George Pollock."

In reply to this a Dublin Surgeon writes to the *Irish Times* to say that he regards the recent manifesto of Sir James Paget and his *confrères* "as an assumption of superiority on the part of the London profession which, though kindly meant, is yet uncalled for."—[The old story over again.]

ILLNESS OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

We are happy to be able to announce that His Royal Highness is making satisfactory progress towards convalescence. He has passed through what may be called a sharp attack of typhoid or enteric fever, and at one time his life was despaired of, owing to some untoward complications, which were said to have arisen. He is supposed to have contracted the disease during a visit to Lord Londesborough, at his seat, at Scarborough. Nearly every member of the party who visited there at that time suffered from more or less constitutional disturbance, and Lord Chesterfield, who was one of the party, was seized shortly after his return home, and four days subsequent to the date upon which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was taken ill, and has since died.

Enteric fever is generally supposed to be caused by the inhalation of the miasm of decomposing animal matter, such as sewer gas, or the pollution of drinking water by infiltration of such matters. Hence, it was naturally supposed, that there was