

toasts the chairman in feeling terms proposed the health of Our Guest. In alluding to the excellent qualities and uniform urbanity of manner of Dr. Campbell, he said it was an old Pagan motto "That silence became a duty, if we could not say anything good of the dead," he would remark that in alluding to the living we should endeavour to speak the truth. There were occasions when even the suppression of truth was a necessity, perhaps a virtue. On this occasion the truth would reveal the sterling qualities of our friend, in fact the honest appreciation of his uniform consistency and professional rectitude, had called forth this ebullition of kindly feeling. Dr. Campbell had always acted the part of a true friend to the junior members of the profession, and in his own experience there had for years subsisted between himself and Dr. Campbell that community of sentiment which was the very essence of true friendship.

In returning thanks, Dr. Campbell observed that he was quite unprepared for such an exhibition of esteem on the part of his professional brethren. That it was more acceptable in being so general, and that he deeply felt the honour conferred by this impromptu meeting. A number of volunteer toasts followed, and a most pleasant evening was spent without one single incident to mar the harmony of the proceedings.

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TREATMENT OF NÆVUS BY THE GALVANIC CAUTERY.—Dr. Maas, of Breslau, has collected in the *Archiv für Klinische Chirurgie* (vol. xii.) the histories of 112 cases of nævus treated by the galvanic cautery. The results were as follows: *Capillary Nævus*—cured, 32; improved, 1; result unknown, 1. *Cavernous or venous nævus*—cured, 72; improved, 8; result unknown, 1; died, 3. *Arterial or racemose nævus*—cured, 2; improved, 1. *Nævus combined with other tumours*—cured, 6; improved, 1; result unknown, 2. He derives from the examination of the cases the conclusion that the galvanic cautery is followed by the best results in nævus and is much safer than the injection of perchloride of iron or any other coagulating fluid. It would, however, be wrong to say positively that the remedy is indicated in all cases of nævus. As Virchow has well remarked, the surgeon must take the circumstances of each case into consideration. The battery used in the cases referred to was that of Middeldorpf.—*British Medical Journal*, September 30th, 1871.

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