

occasion. 'I'm glad,' he said, 'the fracture is set properly, for I learned the method out of your own book.' There was good-humoured laughter, and, as they say about other pleasing functions, a happy evening was spent. Within a few weeks of each other they are gone, McNichol regretted in his small sphere as was Erichsen in his larger.

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So many leaders of the profession in the old country have died within the last few weeks, that though to each of them we would consecrate a few pages of our JOURNAL, it is impossible for us to do more than give the briefest notice of their life work. Sir George Humphry will be remembered, not so much as the great surgeon, though his fame as such was wide-spread in all the district between Norwich and the Metropolis, but as a great teacher and as a man of liberal mind and strong personal enthusiasm, to whose guiding genius is very largely due the fact that Cambridge, which thirty years ago yearly gave but two or three degrees in medicine, now stands at the forefront of the English Medical Schools, and in the training of the sciences upon which medicine is based is unequalled by any other university in Great Britain. For it was Humphry, who working with Sir George Paget, encouraged Foster, Balfour, Macalister and others to develop in Cambridge schools of practical physiology, biology and anatomy of the highest order. He himself for long years, first as Professor in Anatomy and later as Professor in Surgery, gave his services freely to the University in order successfully to accomplish the end which he had so much at heart.

As a teacher, few men have more influenced their pupils. His was the true method of *education*, the method of drawing out from each man all that was in him. It was a process often uncomfortable for the student. To sit there with Humphry's glistening eye fixed upon him, the long surgical fore-finger pointing imperatively at him, and the frequent long-drawn "Why?" breathed at him, while the teacher probed further and further into the depths of his ignorance, was often excruciating. Often it was the most uncomfortable sensation that a man experienced during the whole of his University career. But the memories of such periods have remained green in the minds of every one of his pupils, and have, at least taught them to recognize how much of knowledge so-called, is superficial, while the intense personal interest which Humphry manifested in those that came under him, stimulated them to work and gave him an influence throughout the old country such as few surgeons have possessed.