

many old, surgical instruments. As examples I may mention his hysterectomy clamp, his ovariectomy trocar, his pressure forceps, his myoma screw, his gallstone forceps, his uterine dilators, his repositors for reducing inversion by the uterus, his glass drainage tube and sucker."

While Mr. Tait had many enemies, he also had a vast number of friends who fully appreciated the many admirable traits in his character. We quote as follows from the obituary notice before referred to: "No one could meet him without feeling the influence of his strong individuality, the vigor of his thought, and the originality and freshness of his views. He took part in many fierce controversies, both in the medical and lay press. He was a born fighter, he revelled in the joy of conflict, and would fling himself with all the ardor of his pugnacious nature into the arena of debate. And when he hit he hit hard. Yet under this rugged exterior and brusqueness of manner, his friends recognized a large-hearted kindness. He was passionately fond of animals, and was exceedingly kind to the poor and afflicted; scores of poor women were admitted into and operated on in his private hospital absolutely free of charge."

There is something very sad about the history of the last few years of his life. In 1892 he suffered seriously from financial embarrassment. At the same time his health became impaired, and he soon showed symptoms of chronic nephritis, which finally caused his death. He was compelled to close his private hospital, to sell his collection of art treasures, and various residences which he possessed, and to retire to a large extent from practice. His friends noticed with sorrow that his disposition had changed, and that he became very irritable. Early in 1898 he removed to Llandudno, and went once a week to Birmingham to see patients in his rooms and do an occasional operation. He became suddenly seriously ill, June 3rd; uremic symptoms appeared, and he died June 13th, 1899, aged 54.

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