

the city until, perhaps, he happens to encounter a friend who, probably, has been initiated into the mysteries of London. He is fortunate if such be his luck, as thereby he is likely to become acquainted with the different objects of interest concerning his profession or otherwise.

The hospitals in London, which are very numerous, are conducted with such discipline and good management as to draw forth the praise and admiration of all strangers. Each hospital has its staff of consulting physicians and surgeons, besides those attached who attend daily at different hours. There are also house physicians and surgeons, and a resident "accoucheur," the latter having the entire charge of the midwifery department. This branch of the profession is represented at many hospitals in London. Women who cannot pay a medical man apply, during their pregnant state, to a hospital; a ticket is issued to them, and when their labor comes on this ticket is sent to the hospital; the resident accoucheur, who has under him two obstetric clerks, immediately sends one to the owner of the ticket, as he generally reserves himself for labors of an intricate nature, or those requiring the use of instruments, having himself served a clerkship under some former Resident Accoucheur. This appointment, as well as that of House Physician and Surgeon, are valid for three or six months, according to the regulations of the hospital. Each hospital has a department for Skin diseases, as well as for Vaccination, and Dental operations. Being divided into a Medical and Surgical Department, the officers never come in contact with one another except when required in consultation. Besides the larger hospitals there are others where only special diseases are dealt with. Each hospital has a day or days set apart for operations, a list of which is to be seen in the *Lancet* or *Medical Times*.

Guy's Hospital, which is situated near London Bridge, is one of the best in London, is renowned for its surgery; in fact, all the branches of the profession are well represented here. Mr. Edward Cock, Mr. Durham, Mr. Bryant, Dr. Phillips, its secretary, and other men of note, are the medical officers of this hospital. I had the pleasure of witnessing several surgical operations here, and one in particular, viz., Excision of the Kidney, performed by Mr. Durham, which struck me as being one of rather rare occurrence. Chloroform was the anæsthetic agent made use of in this hospital. The dissecting apartments are exceedingly well laid out, and very comfortable for the students. There is seldom, if ever, scarcity of material. The museum of Guy's Hospital, with that of the Royal College of Surgeons, are supposed to be the best in London.