

ances have also been constructed for the application of galvano-cautery, for the removal of tumors, cauterization of ulcers, treatment of fistula, amputation of diseased parts, &c. In the amputation of such parts as the neck of the uterus, polypi, &c., that are difficult of access, this method is invaluable. The wire can be adjusted before heating, there is scarcely any pain, and little or no hemorrhage follows its use.

Electricity, like many other remedies and appliances, has its indiscreet and ignorant partizans, and for that reason has been long neglected and despised, but it is now being raised to its proper place, and is undoubtedly destined to be greatly extended in its sphere of usefulness.

MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—The 40th annual meeting of the British Medical Association was held in Birmingham during the month of August. Dr. Baker, the President, delivered an address which will be found in another column. Addresses were also delivered on medicine by Dr. Wilks, and on surgery by Mr. Oliver Pemberton. The presidents of sections also opened them with addresses, some of which we have endeavored to give our readers. The attendance was very large and the arrangements most complete. We regret that our space does not permit us to give anything like a full account of the proceedings. We have made a few selections for the present month and will endeavor to supplement them in our next issue. Additional interest was imparted to the meeting by the presence of distinguished visitors from foreign countries, among whom were Ricord, Demarquay, and Labbé, of Paris; Gross, of Philadelphia; Bogue, of Chicago; A. Smith, of New York; Berns, of the Hague, and De Muralt of Zurich. There were over 500 persons in attendance, and the session lasted four days. Excursions were made by several of the members, in attendance, to the Stoke Salt Works in Worcestershire, Dudley Iron Works, in Round Oak, Sewage Works, &c. of Leamington, Stratford-on-Avon the birth-place of Shakspeare, &c., &c. It was upon the whole, the largest, the most interesting and influential meeting of the profession ever held in any country of the world.