

of each other. These had the effect of removing all pain; but, unfortunately, the patient feeling so much better, left the bed, dressed and came down a flight of stairs, when the pain returned with much greater violence, and attended with more severe constitutional symptoms. I prescribed a few more opiate powders in the afternoon, and on Monday morning I had the satisfaction of finding my patient again free from pain, temperature falling and pulse less frequent, which improvement continued to progress all day. On Tuesday morning I was confined to my bed with congestion of the lungs. The mother of the patient came to report. She told me her daughter was free from pain, and feeling comfortable, with the exception of a feeling of nausea, which I informed her was the effect of the powders she had taken, and would soon pass away. However, I asked her to have another physician see her daughter that day, if she thought it necessary, as I was unable to attend. Acting on this advice she called in a doctor of the town, when he at once condemned my treatment, stating that he did not see the necessity of opiates, and that they were only "baking" the bowels and doing harm. He began his treatment with quinine, brandy, and purgatives, with a faithful use of Davidson's syringe with no effect so far as movement of the bowels was concerned, but very naturally with this result,—death of the patient the next night from general peritonitis. I might mention that hot fomentations and poultices were used from the beginning, and they were discontinued by the doctor's orders. Had I known of the change of treatment on Tuesday morning, the patient's life would have been spared, for I would at once have advised a consultation, which, with a moral certainty, would have rescued the poor girl from the consequences of such cruel and ignorant treatment.

Trusting, Mr. Editor, that I have not transgressed too much on your time and space,

I am, yours &c.,

W. McCLURE.

THOROLD, March 6th, 1882.

N.B.—We are not anxious to foster correspondence of this sort, failing to see the good to be accomplished. The pillory *incog.* is not much dreaded by the unscrupulous.—ED.

To the Editor of the CANADIAN JOURNAL OF MEDICAL SCIENCE.

SIR,—I am glad you did me the kindness to say regarding this newspaper business that you know me too well to believe that I had any knowledge of the scandalous article that appeared in the Arthur paper. Still, lest your kindly word was said out of simple courtesy, and to remove any possible misgiving in the minds of your readers, I have to say:—

1st. That when this worthy Francis Morris was about to leave the Hospital, he showed me a long article that he had prepared for our local papers. Of course I refused to allow him to have it inserted. He went to his home, a distance of about 30 miles, in December last, and excepting that he wrote me a note a week after he left, I neither saw him nor heard from him till some time in February.

2nd. I never saw the newspaper mentioned, and did not yet see the article referred to, only as copied by one of our local papers, about the middle of last month.

3rd. In the past four years I can recollect only one other instance where I was made the victim of a newspaper scandal of a similar character. In that case also, it was done entirely without my knowledge or sanction in any way.

4th. I do not yet think I was wrong in calling attention to the occurrence I alluded to regarding Dr. Groves, and for the following reason, though he may have been innocent in that particular case, yet it was only one of many. Scarcely a week passed that we did not see a paragraph announcing to the public that Dr. Groves performed this or that operation. But since the circumstance was noticed in the JOURNAL, we have seen only one such announcement in four months. If the Dr. had given the patients and their friends to understand, as many medical men have done, that he could not permit his name to be so used, this gratuitous advertising could not occur very often.

Yours respectfully,

ANGUS MCKINNON.

MR. JAS. P. WHITE, the late eminent Doctor's son, has donated his father's valuable medical library to the Medical Department of the University of Buffalo.