

in a sense pathetic incident. About six weeks before his death Mr. Tait was present at a Medical Association meeting at Colwyn Bay. He was on the agenda to read a paper on "The Story of an Aching Kidney," but asked that it might be postponed to the next meeting as he had not all the data to hand at present to complete the paper. Great disappointment was manifest at this announcement, many of the doctors present stating that they had come purposely to listen to the paper read, but Mr. Tait persistently refused.

It is interesting to recall some words written by himself a month before his demise in a letter addressed to the *Medical Press and Circular* on the subject of vivisection and which may be called his own epitaph, "Some day I shall have a tombstone put over me and an inscription upon it. I only want one thing recorded on it 'he labored to divert his profession from the blundering which has resulted from the performance of experiments on the sub-human groups of animal life, in the hope that they would shed light on the aberrant physiology of the human groups.' Such experiments never have succeeded and never can; and they have in the cases of Koch, Pasteur, and Lister not only hindered true progress, but have covered our profession with ridicule."

Almost his last request was that his mortal remains should be interred in Gogarth Cave, a romantic spot within the garden of his residence. The cave was formerly a portion of the ancient Gogarth Abbey domain. He also desired that his funeral should be as quietly carried out as possible and not in any sense a public one. As it was contrary to the public health act for the body to be so interred, the Home Secretary was communicated with, with the object of carrying out the deceased's request. However it was subsequently decided to convey the body to Liverpool and have it cremated there in the Crematorium, after which the ashes were returned to Llandudno in an urn and deposited in his favorite Gogarth Cave.

R. W. GARRETT.