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July 17, 1848

Mr. Allen, 5 Aldenham Terrace. Visit. About as yesterday. P. 130 T. dry but clear. Less urine, about 2 pints in the night. B. not open. To take Castor Oil, and continue Decoct Cinchona with Liq Pot.

Mr. Frances has not spat any more blood since he came on the 24th. To continue. P. rather frequent. Palpitations subsided.

Mr. Dubois. Visit.

Mrs. Frankum's Child, aet. about 5. Cough, hoarseness and diarrhoea, not much fever. ℞ Vini Ipecac ʒi T^r Opii mv Aqua ʒiv Spⁱ Lav ʒss [th] ʒss ter quotidie.

Mr. Allen. Visit. Evening. B. moved. T. not so dry. P. 116. Not so low in spirits and strength. Urine sp. g. 1.010, a little albumen.

Tuesday 18 July

Mrs. Moody, 64 Cadogan Place. Patient of Mr. Sampson, Chester St. took Chloroform to have some loose folds of integument removed from the verge of the anus. She inhaled gently and steadily and became unconscious without any excitement. In about 3 minutes there was a slight tendency to snoring and the operation was commenced although the sensitivity of the conjunctivae was only in part removed. There was no flinching or crying, and a little contraction of the features and increased quickness of respiration were the only effects of the operation, till just at the conclusion when there was a kind of hysterical sobbing which lasted about a minute afterwards, immediately after which she enquired what was the matter, and said she felt confused about something, but in another minute was quite collected and felt surprised and thankful that the operation had been done. Of middle age.

{2} Mr. Allen. Visit. Improving a little.

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Wednesday 19 July, 1848

Mr. Allen. Visit. Somewhat less feeble. Good appetite. Rheumatism subsided.

Administered Chloroform to Martha Swindle aged 15 at University College Hospital whilst Mr. Morton divided the tendons of the ham string muscles. The narcotism was carried little if at all beyond the 2nd. degree, yet she showed no sign of any impression being caused by the operation.

Mr. Dubois. Visit. Much the same.

Mr. Frankum's Child. Cough better, but more feverish and some diarrhoea, his food passing undigested. Magnesia C ʒss P Ipecac gr iv Aqua ʒiv T^r Rhei Co ʒii [th].

Thursday 20 July

Mr. Allen. Visit. More feverish and increase of rheumatic pains. To have P Ipecac Co gr viii.

Consultation with Dr. Ferrier on the case of Mrs. Mallard who has been complaining of pain in loins and general illness for upwards of a year. Found urine to contain albumen $\frac{1}{16}$ or so in tube – and increase of mucous cloud – normal in quantity, no anasarca, appetite good. Ordered Inf Buchu with Ext Conii gr i and μ iiss Ac Mur Dil ter die and Emp Ant. Tart. to loins.

Friday 21 July

Mr. Allen. Visit. Considerable fever, P. 130 T. dry in the centre. Pains in the shoulders and various joints, thirst. Urine deepish coloured, pink sediment, hazy by N. Ac. Sp. gr === & about 5 pints in 24 hours. Skin generally dry.

Mr. Innes has not spat any more blood. P. continues frequent – about 100, trifling short cough occasionally. Resonance natural, breath sounds slightly louder and harsher than natural. To take Quinine and Hyoscyamina.

3 {3} Mr. Dubois. Visit.

Mr. Smith's Child, Margaret St. Rep Mist. Nearly will cough, but very little.

Mrs. Vere Irving, 40 Amptill Sq. Visit. Pain for several days at the extremity of the sacrum following exposure of the feet to wet after taking medicines. There is tenesmus and strangury and bearing down of the uterus, and slight leucorrhoea, regular (2–3 weeks ago) always being accompanied by pains. No fever or derangement of the general health at present. To take Sod Pot T $\frac{3}{4}$ ss Tinct Hyos $\frac{3}{4}$ ss S Nit $\frac{3}{4}$ ii Aq $\frac{3}{4}$ vii Syr Aur $\frac{3}{4}$ ss [th] $\frac{3}{4}$ i 4th q. q. h. Rest and a lower diet.

Saturday 22 July

Mr. Allen. Visit. Less fever. T. moist. Rheumatic pains less severe. To take Inf Gentianae Co with gr vii of Acet Pot.

Mrs. Irving. Visit. Much the same. Sinapism to sacrum.

Prescribed for Mrs. Barker. Inf Gentianae Co c Sp^{ls} Ammon Co.

4 Mr. Legasick's father, apparently a little more than 50, was brought home reported to have been run over by a cab. Had been previously not in good health, and had been attending at a Dispensary for pain at his "chest". There was a cut of one finger and a soft swelling from a recent contusion at the back of the head on the right side, probably from his having come violently in contact with the ground. He was in a state resembling the "second degree of narcotism". He answered short questions properly by yes and no, put out his tongue, and complained of uneasiness over the sternum, in answer to a question. Also {4} in answer to a leading question, said that he remembered being knocked down. Tried to get his hand away when plaster was being put on his finger, & did not know that he was at home, till

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reminded. P. nat. Did not smell of drink, and his friends thought that he had not had any. Had been conducted home by a woman whom he had met in a state of bewilderment, asking his way to his home of which he remembered the street & no. but to which he could not direct himself. He appeared to be labouring under concussion and was recommended to be taken to a Hospital.

Sunday 23 July, 1848

Mr. Allen. Visit. Much as yesterday. P. 150 being more frequent.

Mr. Dubois. Visit. Has had a rigor and is rather feverish.

Monday 24 July

Mr. Allen. Visit. Fever and rheumatism rather less.

Mrs. Irving. Visit. Better & in less pain. To repeat sinapismus.

Mrs. Root, 8 Cecil Court. Delivery – a living male child. Yesterday had a recurrence of pain usually that of labour, such as she has been suffering from time to time for 3 or 4 weeks. The os uteri was patent to the size of a shilling but not dilating during the pains. Called this morning before seven and found the os u. dilating and the size of half a crown. Pains not frequent. The labour went on favourably (I left her for a time and went back) and was concluded a little before twelve at noon. Evening – going on favourably. To have an anodyne draught.

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Tuesday 25 July

Mr. Allen. Visit. Much as yesterday.

Mr. Dubois. Visit. Ung^l Iodinii 3ii.

Mrs. Wainwright's Baby, aged 6 months. Emaciated, cough and shortness of breath for a few days. Mucous and sibilant râles. To have V Ant 3iii T^r Hyos 3ss Syr 3iii Aq 3vss [th] 3i 3^{iiis} horis.

Mrs. Allen. Visit.

Mrs. Root. Mist Cath 3iii.

Mrs. Irving. Visit. To take Pot Acet 3ii T^r Hyos 3i Sp^{ls} Ether 3iii Mist Camph 3vii Syr Aur 3ss [th] 4^{ta} q. q. hora. Pain still in back and now in left groin; slight tenderness in hypogastr.

Mrs. O'Donnell. Sickness and debility; has got thin. Thinks that she is pregnant. Weaned her child about six weeks ago when it was thirteen months old, has not menstruated. Says that she has no cough. Resonance nat., unless a trifling dullness under the clavicles, slight bronchophony under both clavicles and respiratory murmur loud and harsh, and more audible in expiration than natural. Bowels inclined to be relaxed. P. about 100. ℞ Sodae SesC 3iss Ac Hy Cy ℥ xxiv Aq 3vi T^r Card Co 3ii [th] 3ss ter die.

Mr. Innes feels about the same, short cough continues, P. 120 after walking a short way to come here. T. whitish, not much furred; expiratory murmur increased.

Thursday 27 July

Mrs. Root complains of headache. Face flushed. P. 120. Bowels relaxed without having taken the medicines. Lochia scanty, milk plentiful. No pain or tenderness of abdomen. ℞ Liq Am Ac ʒi ss T^r Opii ℥ xx Mist Camph ʒvi Sp Lav ʒi [th] ʒi 4^{ta}. Evening. Feels better. Had a slight rigor after I left; now sweating profusely, pain of back.

- 6 {6} Administered Chloroform to a young gentleman at Dr. Culverwell's, 10 Argyle Place, for Mr. Fergusson to cut off a number of warts from the prepuce and glans penis. The patient was in robust health. The vapour was given a good deal diluted at first and he breathed it readily. In about 3 minutes, and very soon after the valve was completely closed, the eyes became turned up. No excitement or struggling, the conjunctiva being at the time somewhat injected, but its sensibility not diminished. He was allowed to take a few inspirations more with the valve partly open. The breathing began to alter a little towards a snoring character and although the sensibility of the conjunctiva continued, I directed the operation to commence requesting an assistant to hold his hands. There was a little flinching at the first incisions and a slight moaning sound. A little vapour was given during the operation which was soon completed. There was partial erection of the penis during the operation; he recovered his consciousness in about ten minutes, and complained of a great deal of smarting.

St. George's Hospital. Administered Chloroform to Sarah Tidmarsh, aet. 46, to have a small fatty tumour removed from over the left scapula by Mr. Johnson. Inhaled readily and soon became insensible. Effect was carried beyond the commencement of the 2nd degree and she recovered her consciousness without sickness or depression.

- 7 Mrs. Hancock === also took Chloroform to have a small fatty tumour removed from over the === scapula by Mr. Johnson, who was four months advanced in pregnancy. She was very intolerant of the pungency of the vapour and could only be got to inhale it by using a little force although it was applied in the most gradual way. As soon as she appeared unconscious the sensibility of the cornea was found to be much {7} diminished, and an incision was made by pinching up the skin and transfixing it and cutting outwards, which allowed the tumour to be squeezed out at once. There was no sign of suffering. She recovered her consciousness almost immediately, having a smiling face and wondering that it was done. No sequelae in either of these cases.

Mr. Allen. Visit.

Mr. Dubois. Visit.

Friday 28 July

Mrs. Root. Has had a good night. P. 96, full. No pain or tenderness of abdomen. Sweats, the room, however, being warm. Pain of back [yet]. To continue mixture.

Mrs. Allen. Visit. Improving. Good appetite, and but little rheumatism. Urine pale, frothing, decomposes by next day, a trace of albumen, sp. g. 1.099. About 4 or 5 pints in the 24 hours.

Mrs. Irving. Visit. Much better. To take Sp Am ʒi ss T^r Gent ʒiii ss Aqua ʒv ss Syr Aur ʒss-ʒi ter die.

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Mrs. O'Donnell. Has not vomited, but complains of great debility. ℞ Sol Quinine ʒi Spⁱ Myrist ʒss Aq ʒvss-ʒi ter die.

Saturday 29 July

Mr. Allen. Visit.
Mr. Dubois. Visit.

Sunday 30 July

Mr. Allen. Visit.
Mrs. Root is better. Pulse natural. No pain or tenderness.

{8} Mrs. O'Donnell has been troubled with vomiting yesterday and today. This morning bowels relaxed with griping pain. P. 72 in bed. ℞ Creta praecip ʒi T^r Opii ʒss Tinct Card Co ʒii Aqua ʒvss-ʒss 4^{ta} q. q. hora.

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Mrs. Bent's Baby. Mel Boracis ʒi.

Monday 31 July

Mrs. Allen. Visit.
Mrs. Irving. Visit.

Mrs. Barker's Baby. Slight diarrhoea with a little feverishness and symptoms of griping. Prescribed aromatic mixture.

Mr. Dubois. Visit. Pulv. Sabina, &c.

Tuesday 1 August

Mrs. O'Donnell. Rep Mist. Rep Mist c T^r Opii ℥ xv Pil Aper ii. Child aged 14 ms. Hooping cough for three weeks. ℞ Ext Conii gr xv V. Ipec ʒi Pot Carb gr xii Aqua ʒi et ʒiiss T^r Lav ʒss [th].

Miss Eleanor Williamson. Rep Mist. Is a little better.

Mr. Bent. Slight diarrhoea with a little griping. ℞ Creta ʒi P Rhei gr xv Aqua ʒvss Sp^{is} Am Co ʒii [th] ʒi 4^{ta} q. q. hora.

Wednesday 2 August

Mr. Allen. Visit.
Mrs. Barker's Child. Visit.

University College Hospital.

Administered Chloroform to Joseph Tatham, aet. 55, whilst Mr. Morton tied a prolapsus ani with a number of ligatures. Effect carried to the third degree, and operation commenced without flinching. It lasted 15 or 20 minutes {9} during the greater part of which time the narcotism was at the 2nd. degree, and the patient was muttering and talking incoherently, and as soon as the effect of the chloroform was increased beyond this the

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breathing generally became noisy and somewhat stertorous. There was a tremulous motion of the body and limbs before the sensibility of the conjunctiva was abolished but it subsided before the op. was begun and did not return. Recovered quickly without sickness or depression.

Administered Chloroform also immediately afterwards to an elderly woman from whose head Mr. Morton removed a sebaceous tumour. Effect carried to the third degree. No impression from the operation and inhalation did not require to be repeated. Some sickness and vomiting immediately she recovered her consciousness.

Thursday 3 August

Chloroform at St. George's Hospital to Wm. Watkins, aet. 36, whilst Mr. Cutler performed amputation of the right leg below the knee. 3rd. degree, eyes turned up and conjunctiva insensible. No flinching, but countenance expressive of pain and slight moaning noise; after limb off – incoherent talking and singing. Rigidity of limbs most of the time. Threatened sickness which, however, did not take place.

Chloroform also to a stout man, Geo. Allen aet. 66, whilst Mr. Keate removed a small tumour from thigh. A little struggling in second degree then breathing became rather snoring with blowing of the mouth, eyes turned up. Opened his eyes almost immediately after the opⁿ., and recovered without excitement or sickness. He had suffered from hemiplegia.

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Francis Manchester, aet. 9, was put under chloroform whilst Mr. Johnson performed amputation of the right arm. Soon affected, conjunctiva {10} insensible and operation begun without carrying effect beyond 2nd. degree. Perfectly motionless and placid during operation. A little vomiting during tying of arteries which was protracted – sickness did not continue.

Mr. Dubois. Visit.

Mrs. O'Donnell. Rep Mist sine Opio. Rep Pil ii. Feels better but sickness continues.

Friday 4 August

Mrs. Snelling. ℞ Magnes Carb Soda Sesquic aa ʒi Sol Quininae ʒi Aqua ad ʒvi T^r Card Co ʒi [th] ʒss ter quatuor die Pil Aper c Hydr xii.

Mrs. Allen. Visit.

Saturday 5 August

Mrs. Smith's Baby, 23 Little Pulteney St. Diarrhoea, feverishness and cough. ℞ Creta praecip ʒi T^r Opii ʒ ii Vini Ipec ʒss Aq ʒss [th] ʒi 3^{iiis} horis.

Mr. Dubois. Visit.

Sunday 6 Aug.

Mr. Allen. Visit.

Mrs. Smith's Baby rather better. Rep Mist.

Monday 7 Aug.

Mrs. Snelling. Rep Mist.

Mrs. Harris' Son, 7 Nassau St. Feverish & headache, P. 120. R̄ Magnes Sulph ʒss Ant Tart gr ss Aq ʒvi Sp^{ts} Lavand ʒss [th] ʒi 4^{ta} q. q. hora.

{ 11 } Mr. Dubois. Visit. Iodini c Alcohol ʒi.

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Tuesday 8 Aug.

Mrs. Allen. Visit.

Mrs. Smith's Baby. Pulv Hydr c Creta Co gr v.

Wednesday 9 Aug.

Administered Chloroform to Mrs. Price, Seymour St., Portman Sq., a patient of Mr. Erichsen, who divided the sphincter ani on account of an ulcer of the rectum. The patient was young and hysterical and had some dread of the chloroform. She was nervous about inhaling and left off repeatedly, almost as soon as she perceived the flavour of it. Then she began to cough before the valve was half closed, and after a little interruption from this cause she became hysterical and tossed herself about in such a way that it was impossible to give her any more without using more force than Mr. E. was inclined to. She became quieter in a few minutes but did not recover her proper consciousness, and continued talking about her husband and sister. After three quarters of an hour the chloroform was exhibited again, and with a little trouble, partly by persuasion and partly by force, she was got to take it. She did not cough this time, and soon became passive, and the operation was performed with only a little flinching. She appeared not to be narcotised beyond the 2nd. degree.

{ 12 } Star of Temperance Tent examining Joseph Beesley on Aug 4th.

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Administered Chloroform in University College Hospital to === whilst Mr. Morton dissected out a couple of lymphatic glands which formed a tumour beneath the jaw. Towards the end of the operation he asked for more chloroform without having previously flinched or stirred.

Mr. Dubois. Visit.

Thursday 10 Aug., 1848

Administered Chloroform at St. George's Hospital to === whose middle finger Mr. Johnson amputated. He struggled violently after losing his consciousness, but became quiet as the inhalation proceeded, and remained so during the operation.

Administered Chloroform also to Elizth. Hardy, aet. 58, whilst Mr. Hewett amputated the right breast. The vapour active in the usual way.

Mrs. Bent's Baby. Bandaging foot.

Friday 11 August

Mr. Allen. Visit.

Miss E. Williamson. Inf Quassiae ꝑ xiss Ferri Citr ꝑi Sp^{ts} Myristicae ꝑss [th] ꝑss ter die.

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Sunday 13 August

Mr. Dubois. Visit.

Monday 14 August

Mr. Allen. Visit.

Mr. Lygo. Lancing gum boil. Magnes S ꝑvi Ant T gr ³/₄ Aq ꝑvi Sp^{ts} Lav ꝑss.

Tuesday 15 Aug.

Mr. Dubois. Visit.

Wednesday 16 Aug.

Mr. Dearen. Drawing Tooth.

Mr. Wm. Allen, Percy St. Hyd c Creta P Jalap P. Rhei aa gr v. Iꝑ Sod Sesquicarb ꝑiss Inf Quassiae ꝑvss T^r Cardam Co ꝑii [th] ꝑi bid.

Thursday 17 August

Administered Chloroform yesterday in University College Hospital to Joseph Sturt aged 25 whilst Mr. Morton removed the testicle for scrofulous disease following an injury. Complete insensitivity to the operation, the limbs were relaxed, although the eyes remained turned up, pupil contracted and sensible to light. He was in the 2nd. degree as evidenced by his talking during part of the operation.

Mr. Allen. Visit.

Mr. Dubois. Visit.

Saturday 19 August

Mr. Dubois. Visit. Pulv Sabina.

Sunday 20 Aug.

Mr. Allen. Visit.

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Monday 21 August, 1848

Mrs. Hills, Chelsea. Visit. Prescribed Lotio Plumbi & Female Syringe.

Mr. Dubois. Visit.

Tuesday 22 August

Mrs. Smith's Child (George's Nephew). Pulv Hydr c Creta Co ii et Mist Creta &c ʒiii.
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Wednesday 23 August

Mrs. Root's Baby. Syrupi Boracis ʒi.

Mrs. Bent. Pil Aper c Hydr ii. ʒ Liq Am Ac ʒiiss Sp^{ts} Eth N ʒii Aq ʒiv Sp^{ts} Lav ʒi.

Mr. Dubois. Visit.

Thursday 24 August

Mr. Dubois. Visit. Applying Potassa Fusa.

Friday 25 Aug.

Mr. Allen. Visit.

Mrs. Barker. Visit.

Saturday 26 Aug.

Mrs. Bent. ʒ Magnes Sulph ʒss Magnes Carb ʒi Aq. T^r Rhei Co ʒii [th] ʒi ter die.

Mr. Dubois. Visit.

Sunday 27 Aug.

Mr. Dubois. Visit.

Monday 28 August

Mrs. Root. Sol Quinae ʒiiss Acidi Sulph D ʒi Aq ʒvi [th] ʒi ter die. Rep Lin.

Mrs. Bent. ʒ Ferri Citr ʒi Inf Quassiae ʒvi Sp^{ls} Am Co ʒii [th] ʒi ter die.

Baby. Vaccination.

15 { 15 } Mrs. Snelling. Rep Mist.

Mr. Dubois. Visit.

Tuesday 29 August

Mrs. Snelling. Opii gr i h. s.

Mr. Allen. Visit.

Wednesday 30 August

Mrs. Snelling. Rep Pil ʒ Quinae Sol ʒii Aqua ad ʒvi-ʒi 4^{ta} q. q. hora.

Mrs. Dearen's Child. Pulv Aper ii.

Mr. Dubois. Visit.

Thursday 31 Aug.

Mrs. Bent. ʒ Sol Quinae ʒii Aqua ʒvi [th] ʒi ter die Pil Aper ii.

Mrs. Williamson. ʒ T^r Opii ʒss Sp^{ls} Am Co T^r Rhei Co aa ʒii Aqua ʒvss.

Mrs. Hill, Chelsea. Visit.

Friday 1 September.

Mr. John Acton, 65 Dean St. Mist Creta &c c Opio ʒiv Pil Anod ii.

Mrs. Snelling. Mist Quinae ʒvi Pil Opii iii.

Mr. Timperly, 15 Little Windmill St. Pulv Doveri grxv. ʒ Magnes Sulph ʒi Magn C ʒi

Tinct Colch ʒii Sp^{ls} Nitr ʒss Aqua Menth ʒviii ʒi ter die. Lin Ammoniae ʒx T^r Opii ʒii.

Saturday 2 September

Mr. Timperly. Rep Pulv.

Mr. Acton. Mist Amare ʒviii.

Monday 4 September

Mr. Timperly. Rep Mist.

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Tuesday 5 September

Mrs. Snelling. Rep Mist Rep. Pil Anod vi.

Mrs. Bent's Baby. Pulv Alter iv.

Mr. Acton. Rep Mist.

Wednesday 6 September

Mrs. Birt. Mist Amare ꝛ viii Pil Galbani Comp xii.

Thursday 7 September

Mr. Dubois. Visit.

Mrs. Snelling. Rep Mist Quinae.

Friday 8 Sept.

Mrs. Snelling. Mist Creta ꝛ vi Sp^{ts} Am Co T^r Rhei Co T^r Opii aa 3i [th] ꝛ i p.r.n.

Mrs. Williamson. Pil Hydr gr iv. ꝛ Magn Carb 3i Aq ꝛ vss T^r Ipec T^r Rhei aa 3ii [th].

Miss Walters. ꝛ Decoct Aloes ꝛ iv Aq Menth Puleg ꝛ ii [th] ꝛ i n. manequē.

Mr. Dubois. Visit. Credit £3.

Saturday 9 Sept.

Mr. Timperly. ꝛ Pot Subcarb 3i Vini Ipec V. Sem Colch aa 3ii Mist Camph ꝛ vss.

Sunday 10 Sept.

Mrs. Williamson. Haust Aper.

Mr. Dubois. Visit.

Monday 11 Sept.

Mrs. Williamson. ꝛ Oxy Scillae ꝛ ss V. Ipecac 3ii T^r Opii ꝛ xxiv Aq ꝛ v Sp^t Lav ꝛ ss [th] ꝛ ss 4^{ta} q. q. h.

Mr. Dearen's Child. ꝛ Magn Carb ꝛi Aq ꝛ iiss Vini Ipec 3ii T^r Rhei Co 3i [th] ꝛ i ter die.

Mrs. Snelling. Rep Mist Quinae Rep Pil Aper xii.

Mrs. Birt. Rep Mist.

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Tuesday 12 Sept.

Mrs. Snelling. ꝛ Magnes Carb 3i Aq Menthae ꝛ vi T^r Rhei Co 3i [th] ꝛ ss 4^{ta} q. q. h.

Mr. Dubois. Visit.

Wednesday 13 Sept.

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Mist.

Miss Walters. Rep Mist c Inf Quassia ꝛ ii.

Mr. Dubois. Visit.

Thursday 14 September

Mrs. Snelling. ℞ Magn Carb ʒi Inf Quassia ʒvi Tʳ Rhei Co ʒi [th] ʒss ter quatuor die. Cr. bottles.

Mr. Dubois. Visit.

Friday 15 September

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Mist.

Mr. Dubois. Visit.

Saturday 16 September

Mrs. Williamson. Opii gr ³/₄ Hyd Chlor gr ii statim. ℞ Soda SesquiC ʒiss Acid Hydrocy m̄ xii Aq ʒvi Tʳ Card Co ʒi [th].

Mr. Dubois. Visit.

Sunday 17 Sept.

Mrs. Williamson. Haust Aper. ℞ Tʳ Opii ʒss Aq ʒvi Sp Lavand ʒi [th] 4^{ta} q. q. h.

Administered Chloroform to Mrs. C. J. B. Williams.

Monday 18 Sept.

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Mist c Sp Ether N ʒii.

Star Tent Examining Henry Brion.

18 { 18 } Miss Walters. Pil Ferri Co ʒi Pil Aloes Co ʒss ft Pil xx Cap i ter die.

Tuesday 19 Sept.

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Mist.

Wednesday 20 Sept.

Mrs. Williamson. Haust Ricini. Rep Mist.

Mrs. Dearen's Child. ℞ P. Ipec gr i Sacchari gr ii ter die Mitte vi.

Thursday 21 Sept.

Mrs. Williamson. Emp Lyttae. Rep Mist.

Friday 22 Sept.

Mrs. Williamson. Consultation with Dr. Williams. ℞ Ammon SesquiCarb Ext Conii aa ʒi Pot lod gr viii Oxy Scillae ʒii Aqua ʒiii et ʒvi [th] ʒi 4^{ta} q. q. hora. ℞ Morphine Acet gr ¹/₅ ft Pil h. s.

Saturday 23 Sept.

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Mist. Pil Anod Aper ii

Sunday 24 Sept.

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Mist c Ext Conii gr xv Rep Pil Anod.

Mrs. Birt. T^r Opii 3ss Spⁱ Ammoniae Co 3i Sp Lav 3ss Aq 3iii. Cap dimid statim.

Monday 25 Sept.

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Mist Rep Pil Anod Aper.

Tuesday 26 Sept.

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Mist. Rep Pil Morphia.

Mrs. Ripley. Visit. Prescribed Mist Creta & Inf Cascarilla.

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Wednesday 27 Sept.

Mrs. Williamson. Ext Conii gr xii Spⁱ Am Co 3i Spⁱ Aether Nit 3ii Aq 3iv Spⁱ Lavand Co 3ss [th] 3i 4^{ta} q. q. hora. Rep Mist.

Chloroform in St. George's Hospital. August. Mary Randle, aet. 16. Necrosis of Humerus, Mr. Hawkins. Ann Hall, aet. 45. Removal of Breast. Mr. Hewett.

On Aug. 31 Matilda Leyton, aet. 13. Necrosis of Thigh. Hawkins.
James Salmon, aet. 14. Necrosis of Tibia. Hawkins.
Dinah Webb, aet. 28. Tumour of breast. Cutler.
Mary Mordaunt, aet. 73. Cancer of Nose. Hawkins.
One other operation this day.

On Sept. 7 John Parkis, aet. 53. Tumour of ==. Hawkins.
Ann Pickford, aet. 63. Removal of Breast. Tatum.
Elizth. Henning, aet. 28. Tumour of Arm. Johnson.
Wm. Taylor, aet. 70. Amputation of Leg. Johnson.

On Sept. 21 Matthew Haberfield, aet. 30. Amputation of Toe. Tatum.
Jane Crowhurst, aet. 18. Tumour of Ear. Johnson.
Wm. Chamberlain, aet. 38. Amputation of Arm. (Accident). Cutler.

Thursday 28 Sept.

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Mist. Rep Pil Anod.

Friday 29 Sept.

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Mist. Rep Pil Anod Aper. Credit Bottles.

Mrs. Ripley. Visit.

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Saturday 30 September

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Mist. Rep Pil Anod.
Mr. Allen, Percy St. Pil Hydr Mist Rhei Co ʒvi.

Sunday 1 October

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Mist. Rep Pil Anod.

Monday 2 October

Mrs. Williamson. ʒ Inf Quassiae ʒiiiiiss Tʳ Hyoscy Sp^l Junip aa ʒii [th] ʒi 4^{ta} q. q. hora.
Rep Pil Anod.

Mr. Allen. Rep Mist.

Tuesday 3 October

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Mist. Rep Pil Anod Aper.
Mrs. Penry. Mist Creta c Opio ʒvi.

Wednesday 4 October

Mr. Allen, Percy St. ʒ Tʳ Lyttae ʒss Sp^l Lav ʒss Aqua ʒi ft Lin.
Miss Allen. Pil Aper ii ʒ Magnes Carb Soda C aa ʒii Aq ʒvi Tʳ Card ʒii.
Mrs. Williamson. Rep Mist. Rep Pil Anod.

Thursday 5 Oct.

Mrs. Root's Baby. Magnes ʒi Aq Carui ʒiss Tʳ Opium ii Tʳ Card Co ʒss [th] Rep Mist.
Mrs. Williamson. Rep Pil Anod.

Friday 6 Oct.

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Mist.
Mr. Dearen. Ung^l Hydr Nit Oxy ʒss. Child. Pulv iii.
Miss Allen. Mist Quinae ʒvi.

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Saturday 7 October

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Pil Anod.
Mrs. Allen for Mr. Godfrey. Pil Aper ii Mist Am Anod ʒvi.

Sunday 8 Oct

Mrs. Williamson. Pot Nit ʒi Tʳ Hyoscy Sp^l Juniperi aaʒii Aq ʒiiiiiss Rep Pil Anod Aper.
Mrs. Allen for Mr. Godfrey. Mist Ammon Carb ʒvi.

Monday 9 October

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Mist Rep Pil Anod.
Mrs. Root's Baby. Vaccination.
Mrs. Allen for Mr. Godfrey. Rep Mist Rep Pil ii.

Tuesday 10 October

Mrs. Allen for Mr. Godfrey. Mist Quinae 3 vi.
Mrs. Williamson. Rep Mist Rep Pil.

Administered Chloroform Oct 5th. at St. George's Hospital to Wm. Batchelor aet. 52 whilst Mr. Cutler removed necrosed bone from tibia.

Administered Chloroform this day to Mrs. Brooks, a patient of Dr. Williams, who has some functional derangement of the heart accompanied with slight hypertrophy, whilst Mr. Lintott extracted seven teeth. After inhaling a little time with the valve slightly open, she said that she felt it taking effect and felt as if she was about to faint; she had just before said that she had felt palpitations, and just afterwards she complained of pain in the region of the heart. The pulse however was pretty good – and in less than half a minute she uttered a singing cry, and when that ceased there was slight snoring, and the {22} inhalation was discontinued and the operation begun although the eyes were not turned up and there was strong winking on the conjunctivae being touched. The mouth was opened without difficulty and two teeth which required very deliberate traction were drawn. The patient then closed her mouth very firmly probably because she began to feel, and whilst they were trying to open it, she began to look up, and I commenced to give her some more vapour, and whilst about to do so she vomited a little. After inhaling a short time voluntary motion ceased and when she was apparently in the same condition as the former occasion the operation was commenced. There was a little more trouble this time in getting the mouth open, but all the remaining teeth were removed before she recovered her sensibility. There was no crying or other indication of pain, except a slight flinch at the last. Consciousness quickly returned but she was very sick, vomiting repeatedly; a good deal of blood had been swallowed and came up. She lay on the sofa and had a little brandy and cold water without apparent benefit. I saw her again 2 hours after when she had removed to her hotel and gone to bed. She was still sick and cold and with a small pulse. She had hot brandy and water and a foot warmer, and in a little time felt better but was still sick occasionally and had pain at the top of her head. 2 or 3 hours afterwards she had an effervescing draught but without apparent benefit; she then took 12 drops of Brandy, soon after went to sleep for a few hours, and was not afterwards sick. Had a little headache during the night, but felt pretty well the following morning.

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Wednesday 11 October, 1848

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Pil Anod.

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Thursday 12 October

Mrs. Williamson. Sol Quinae ℥ xl T^r Hyoscy ʒiii Aq ʒiv [th] Rep Pil.
Mrs. Allen for Mr. Godfrey. Rep Mist.

Friday 13 October

Mrs. Allen for Mr. Godfrey. Rep Pil ii.
Mrs. Williamson. Rep Pil Anod.

Saturday 14 October

Mrs. Williamson. Mist Cretae ʒiii c T^r Opii ℥ xv.
Mrs. Penry. Delivery (Fem).

Sunday 15 October

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Mist Quinae Rep Pil Anod.
Mr. Hogarth. Mist Quinae ʒvi Lin Opii Camph ʒiss.

Monday 16 Oct.

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Pil Anod.

Mrs. Sutton. Delivery (Fem). Was called at a quarter to four A.M. and found that she had been in labour 3 or 4 hours. Pains had been strong and bearing down, and the os uteri was about half dilated. She inhaled chloroform. After the first inhalation which was carried only just far enough to suspend consciousness there was a somewhat longer interval before the next pain came – viz 3 or 4 minutes, but afterwards the pains continued with very slight interruption (scarcely half a minute) until the labour was completed which was about 1/4 past 5. During this time she was kept unconscious the greater part of the time, a little more vapour being given whenever consciousness returned. The effect was never carried further than the second degree, and there were all the usual straining and other demonstrations of strong bearing down pains. She rambled in her mind occasionally but was quiet and manageable. Was quite unconscious of the birth, but recovered it in 2 or 3 minutes. About ʒss of chl. was used.

24 {24} Mrs. Root's Baby. Pulv Hydr c Creta ii. Elder Child's Vaccination.
Mrs. Leif's Child, Crown Court, Westminster. Pulv Hydr c Creta ii.

Tuesday 17 October 1848

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Mist Rep Pil.
Mrs. Leif's Child. ℥ Mist Antim c Hyoscy ʒiii.
Mr. Hogarth. Rep Mist Quinae.

Wednesday 18 October

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Pil Anod.

Mr. I. J. Barker. Visit.

Mr. Innes. Prescribing Mist Quinae Acid & T^r Hyoscy.

Administered Chlorof. on Sat. Oct. 14 at King's Coll. Hos. to a young man whilst Mr. Fergusson cut off a great number of warts from the prepuce and glans penis.

Also to John Mahoney a youth on whom he performed amputation of the greater part of the foot by Chopart's method.

Also to === a middle-aged woman on whom Mr. Partridge operated for removal of the clitoris and the greater part of the labia majora wh. were in a state of scirrhus.

Also to === a boy whilst Mr. Partridge divided the tendons of the hamstring muscles. In all these cases the patients became insensible without excitement or struggling and showed no signs of pain at any part of the operation and had no sickness.

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Thursday October 19

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Mist Rep Pil Anod.

Mr. I. J. Barker Visit.

Administered Chloroform at St. George's Hospital to Henry Dann, aet. 38, whilst Mr. Hawkins amputated above the knee. Insensibility perfect, recovered consciousness before all the arteries were tied, without feeling. Secondary haemorrhage to a considerable extent in the afternoon, and in the evening was sick for the first time and sickness continued troublesome for 2 days.

Administered Chloroform also to a child aged one year whilst Mr. Johnson removed a small tumour on the foot.

Friday 20 Oct.

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Pil.

Mr. Barker. Visit.

Mr. Hogarth. Rep Mist.

Mr. Dearen. Rep Ung^l.

Saturday 21 Oct.

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Pil.

Mr. Barker. Visit.

Mrs. Irving. Advice and Prescribing.

Mr. Root's Elder Child. Pulv Alter ii.

Sunday 22 Oct.

Mr. Barker. Visit.
Mrs. Williamson. Rep Pil.

Monday 23 Oct.

Mr. Barker. Visit. Another Visit.
Vaccinating Mrs. Barker.

- 26 {26} Administered Chloroform on Saturday 21st at King's College Hospital to === an elderly woman whilst Mr. Fergusson removed a fatty tumour from the posterior part of the shoulder.

Also to === a young man whilst he amputated the last phalanx of the great toe. This patient was in rather robust health. He struggled before becoming insensible, and sang songs, appearing as if very drunk for more than twenty minutes after the operation.

Administered Chloroform this day (the 23rd.) to the Earl of Essex whilst Mr. Fergusson divided the infra orbital nerve on the right side at its exit from the foramen. The patient was suffering paroxysms of pain at the time which came on about every three minutes. One paroxysm came on after he became unconscious causing him to raise up his hands and alter his features into the expression of pain. He became quite insensible and the operation was performed, but before consciousness returned he took on the attitude and expression of pain as the effect of the chloroform subsided, as happened on a former occasion when I gave him the chloroform. A little more chloroform was given and the knife introduced again in the supposition that there might have been some fibres undivided – but the same result followed as the effect of the chloroform subsided, and after he recovered his consciousness he complained of the pain being very severe at the situation of the infra orbital foramen in paroxysms.

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Tuesday 24 October, 1848

Administered Chloroform to === a middle-aged lady a patient of Mr. Baldwin whilst Mr. Key removed a very large cancerous tumour of the breast. There was considerable haemorrhage and the patient seemed faint but syncope did not occur and she was going on favourably an hour after the operation and next morning. Action of the chloroform perfect.

Administered Chloroform also to === Trevelyan, a middle-aged gentleman patient of Mr. Keate, whilst Mr. Johnson tightened some new ligatures which he applied round a scirrhus portion of the tongue.

Mr. Barker. Visit. Vaccinating Mrs. Irving's Ser^t.
Mrs. Williamson. Rep Pil.
Mrs. Root's Elder Child. Vaccination (Yesterday).

Wednesday 25 Oct.

Mrs. Williamson. Rep Pil Anod Mitte iv.
Mr. Barker. Visit.
Mrs. Root's Child. Mist Antim Hyoscyam ʒ iss.

Thursday 26 Oct.

Administered Chloroform at St. George's Hospital to Wm. Haslock, aet. 50, whilst Mr. Keate removed a very large fatty tumour from the back. Readily insensible. Vomited a little yellow liquid just after the operation. Not again sick.

Also to Wm. Webb, aet. 14, whilst Mr. Hawkins performed lithotomy. The operation lasted upwards of ten minutes on account of the difficulty of reaching the stone and a good deal of chloroform was consequently taken (about ʒii). He was sick after the operation and the sickness continued troublesome till the next morning.

{28} Also to Mary Mordaunt, aet. 73, who underwent an operation on the nose eight weeks ago whilst Mr. Hawkins removed a small portion of new growth. There was neither stertor nor groaning, nor any other sign of pain. The vapour was not continued till the sensibility of the conjunctiva was abolished or even much diminished.

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Also to Martha Nelhans, aet. 21, on whom Mr. Hewett operated for the removal of a large bony tumour of the lower jaw. The vapour was not continued after the operation began, yet it produced complete insensibility from pain for full 3 minutes and it was a little time longer before the artery was divided.

Friday 27 Oct., 1848

Mr. Barker. Visit.

Saturday 28 Oct.

Mr. Barker. Visit.
Mrs. Williamson. Rep Pil iv (29th).

Sunday 29 October

Mrs. Buckingham. Delivery (Male).

Mrs. Johnson, 3 Little Newport Street. Pil Anod c Cal. ℞ Acidi Hydrocyan ℥ viii Soda SesquiC ʒii Aq ʒiv Sp Lav ʒss ʒi 2^{unda} q. q. hora.

Mrs. Irving. Visit and Prescribing.

Monday 30 Oct.

Mrs. Johnson. Mist Quinae ʒvi.
Mr. Root's Ser^l. 16 Leicester St. Bandaging Chest. Pulv Aper.
Mrs. Irving. Visit.

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Tuesday 31 Oct.

Mrs. Johnson. R̄ Pot Bicarb 3i Sp^l Ether Nit 3ii T^r Hyos 3i Aq 3vss-3i 4^{tu} q. q. hora.
Mr. Barker. Visit.

Administered Chloroform on Saturday last at King's College Hospital to the little boy with the un-united fracture of the humerus whilst Mr. Fergusson cut and scratched the ends of the bone again – the former operation not having been successful. The chloroform was quite efficient as before.

Wednesday 1 November

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Administered Chloroform to Mrs. Strachan, 56 Poland St., a patient of Mr. Marshall's in labour. The patient had had several children and has usually had very hard labours, which on one or two occasions lasted 2 or 3 days. Went to her at half past 8 this morning. She had been in labour 9 hours and Mr. M. had been with her in the night. I found the os uteri thrown backwards and as large as half a crown, the head lying above the brim of the pelvis. The pains were irregular and distressing. I went backwards and forwards till about twelve o'clock when she was still much in the same state, the pains being increased in force & regularity and the os uteri in the same state. She was very much distressed, out of patience and wished to know if something could not be done for her relief. Her strength and pulse were good. There had been a discharge of mucus mixed with meconium from the time of my first visit – the liq. amnii having previously been evacuated. At 12 o'clock I began to give her chloroform at her own request. After she had had a little during the early part of one pain she expressed the great relief it afforded her; after this she scarcely spoke except to ask for more chloroform whenever it was left off for a pain or two. It was not given except during the first half of the pain, caused no excitement and the expulsive efforts and a little groaning continued as before, but unaccompanied by cries or usual complaints. {30} Soon after the chloroform was begun the os uteri took a more central position and became further dilated. The pains were at first irregular, ceasing for 5 or 10 minutes as they had previously done, but about one o'clock they became both stronger and more regular and the head began to descend. The pains continued very strong until 35 min. past 2 when a female child was born, the patient being still unconscious. In a few minutes it was followed by the placenta as she was partly recovering. The child's head was very compressed and it was in a state of asphyxia fetching a breath only at intervals of about a minute; the pulsations of the cord were distinct and strong but slow. Dashing cold water on the child sometimes caused it to breathe a little sooner, & its lips were black and limbs relaxed. The cord pulsated as far as it was exposed from the vagina – and a little before the placenta was delivered I compressed the cord with my finger and thumb and immediately the breathing became nearly as frequent as natural. When the pressure was removed for a short time the breathing diminished, but on tying the cord it improved, and the child was soon pretty well. The mother recovered her consciousness quietly in a few minutes.

Thursday 2 November, 1848

Mrs. Johnson. Rep Mist.

Mrs. Buckingham. Lin Camph c Opio ꝑiss Decoct Sarsa Co ꝑvi Pot Iod grxv.

Mrs. Forrest. Delivery (Mas).

Friday 3 Nov.

Mrs. Johnson. Rep Mist.

Mr. Barker. Visit.

{31} Administered Chloroform yesterday in St. George's Hospital to Louisa Chandler, 6 or 7 years of age, whilst Mr. Johnson removed a vascular tumour of the neck. She had had a lunch about 2 hours before, was sick just after her return to bed, but the sickness did not continue. The operation lasted a few minutes.

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Saturday 4 Nov.

Mrs. Johnson. Pil Anod ii Mist c Ac Hydrocyan ꝑiv.

Sunday 5 Nov.

Mrs. Hill, Chelsea. Delivery (Mas).

Mrs. Johnson. Mist Soda Carb ꝑvi.

Monday 6 Nov.

Mrs. Hill. Visit.

Mrs. Johnson. ꝑ Inf Quassia ꝑii Spⁱ Myrist ꝑiii T^r Cardam ꝑii Aq ꝑiiiiiss–ꝑi ter die.

Administered Chloroform on Friday last to a young lady (30 or so) whilst Mr. Duffin removed a tumour situated over the right mamma. She was quite insensible and had no sickness or other sequelae. The tumour was composed of small cysts.

Administered Chloroform on Saturday last in King's Coll. Hos. to a young man whilst Mr. Fergusson removed a considerable portion of the left half of the lower jaw for a tumour of the bone situated around the posterior molar teeth. Made insensible by means of the ap. and kept so by the sponge.

Also whilst Mr. Partridge performed amputation above the knee for diseased knee joint in a woman.

Also whilst Mr. Fergusson removed a small fatty tumour from the forehead of a medical gentleman from the country; he appeared in robust health and the narcotism was not carried beyond the 2nd degree. He was muttering during the operation but showed no signs of pain.

{32} Administered Chloroform yesterday to a gentleman of the legal profession in Great Ormond St. whilst Mr. Fergusson operated for some sinuses in the perineum. The operation lasted for upwards of ten minutes. He was just insensible but the narcotism did not exceed the third degree, and he was exhilarated when he recovered his consciousness.

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Tuesday 7 November, 1848

Mr. Buckingham. Rep Liniment.
Mrs. Hill. Visit.

Thursday 9 Nov.

Mrs. Hill. Visit. Nov. 14, Visit to Baby. Nov. 16, Visit Baby.

Administered Chloroform in St. George's Hospital to Fred. Freegrove, aet. 14, whilst Mr. Tatum performed amputation of the thigh. There was a slight struggle at the commencement of the 3rd. degree: afterwards he was quiet. The narcotism was not carried further and the operation was performed without pain. He recovered completely during the dressing, vomited a little when removed to bed – but no continued sickness.

Also whilst Mr. Tatum operated for necrosis of the tibia in ==, a robust man. He became affected with tremor soon after he began to inhale, apparently before he was unconscious, and the tremors increased until they became decided convulsions. As the rigidity and convulsive tremors subsided he began to mutter unintelligibly, and the muttering was interrupted by stertorous inspirations. His face was red – the sensitivity of the conjunctiva being much diminished. The operation began and caused no pain. He continued to mutter during its performance.

33 {33} Also to a child aged 11 weeks whilst Mr. Hewett removed a small encysted tumour from near the edge of the orbit.

Also to Mr. Mc == whilst Mr. Keate performed the operation for fistula.

Saturday 11 Nov.

Administered Chloroform to Mr. Hodgson, 3 Carlton Gardens, a very tall and stout middle-aged gentleman, apparently in good health whilst Mr. Caesar Hawkins operated for fistula. He inhaled readily. Soon after he began he said that he felt palpitations, but his pulse was natural; in a little more than 2 minutes probably there was a slight inclination to snore and the conjunctiva was insensible. The eyes were not turned up and there had not been the least struggle or rigidity. The operation was performed without causing the least flinch or vocal sound, and in a minute or two afterwards he opened his eyes, laughed and said it surely is not done.

Administered Chloroform also at King's College Hospital to the little boy who had had his humerus operated on on two previous occasions whilst Mr. Fergusson repeated the operation.

Also to a man whilst he removed a fungous excrescence from the testicle.

Also to a young man who came into == whilst he performed circumcision and afterwards applied caustic to a chancre on the glans penis. There was laughing and an attempt to fight in this case previous to insensibility. The pupils were widely dilated even when voluntary motion existed.

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Monday 13 Nov., 1848

Mrs. Penry. Lotio Plumbi ʒvi Pil Aper c Hydr vi.

Mrs. Kitterick's Nephew. ℞ Magnes Sulph ʒiiii Tinct Hyoscyamin ʒiii Aq ʒvss [th] ʒss ter die.

Administered Chloroform to Miss Fisher of Tunbridge Wells whilst two teeth were drawn by Mr. Hampson. She became readily insensible exhibiting however, previously to becoming insensible, an increase of the chorea with which she has been affected almost ever since the operation, probably resulting from the morphia she has taken for a long time. The starting of the arms recurred again as the effects of the chloroform went off, before she was conscious. She felt sick for a short time, but a glass of wine was given to her, without raising her head, and in a little time the sickness subsided without having caused vomiting.

Friday 17 Nov.

Mrs. Kitterick's Nephew. ℞ Hyoscy ʒiii Mist Camph ʒvss [th] ʒss ter die.

Sunday 19 Nov.

Mrs. Penry. Rep Lotio.

Friday 24 Nov.Mrs. Buckingham's Children. ℞ Hyoscy ʒii Vini Ipec ʒii Aq ʒiss [th] ʒss 4^{la} q. q. hora. Younger Child. Pulv Hydr c Creta Co. Baby. ℞ Hyos Vini Ipec aa ʒss Aqua ʒvii.

Mrs. Kitterick's Nephew. Rep Mist.

Wednesday 29 Nov.

Mrs. Kitterick's Nephew. Rep Mist.

Mr. Bent, 28 Litchfield Street. Acid Acet Sp^l V. Rect aa ʒi Camphor ʒi Aq ʒii ft Lotio.

{35} Administered Chloroform on Tuesday Nov. 14 to the Hon. Chas. Buller whilst Mr. Sampson operated for a prolapsus ani by removing some folds of integument. The operation was performed whilst he leaned over the bed with his feet on the ground. He became insensible without excitement, and showed no signs of pain. The operation lasted about 10 minutes, and soon after its conclusion he began to recover his consciousness, being at first rather merry and loquacious. Died on 15 day of fever.

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Administered Chloroform at St. George's Hospital on Thursday Nov. 16 to Mary Johnson, aet. 57, whilst Mr. Johnson removed a tumour of the breast.

Also to two infants whilst Mr. Hewett removed a small tumour from near the eye of one, and operated for hare-lip on the other.

Administered Chloroform on Saturday Nov. 18 to Mrs. Evans, Stoke Newington, a lady about 50, whilst Mr. Aston Key applied actual cautery to the os uteri for malignant

excrescence. The patient had eaten a hearty dinner 2 hours before which, by the result, did not seem at all digested. She began to vomit before she was insensible, and the inhalation was left off for a short time and then resumed, and she vomited again two or three times during the preparatory examination with specula and hooks and during the operation, to which she was totally insensible. On recovering her consciousness, however, she did not feel any sickness, and there was no depression.

- 36 {36} On Thursday Nov. 23 went with Mr. Morton to Weston-super-Mare to administer chloroform to Miss Freeman, a spinster lady of 35 or upwards, who was afflicted with insanity and having some affection of the superior maxilla which could not be examined. She could not be prevailed upon to inhale, and as the face-piece could not be kept to her face on account of her struggles the handkerchief was held over her mouth and nostrils with a little chl^m. on it until she became unconscious, and then the apparatus was used to make her quite insensible. A satisfactory examination with the probe was then effected, by a small orifice in the gum. A small portion of denuded bone was felt, but an operation was not performed, as it was considered that this would separate and come away.

Administered Chloroform on Saturday Nov. 25 at King's College Hospital to ==, a girl aged about 11, whilst Mr. Fergusson removed a tumour of the superior maxillary bone. She was quite insensible at the beginning of the operation, and afterwards I applied a sponge near the face whenever I could, but there was very little opportunity, and although the patient was prevented from recovering her consciousness she cried only, and struggled occasionally.

Afterwards to the little boy with the un-united fracture of the humerus who had taken the vapour on 3 previous occasions. This time resection of the ends of the bone was performed and the child was perfectly insensible.

- 37 {37} Administered Chloroform on Thursday Nov. 30 at St. George's Hospital to James Brown, aet. 7, whilst Mr. Hawkins operated for necrosis of the os calcis. Quite insensible; a little struggling before the insensibility.

Also to John Fisher, aet. 10, whilst Mr. Tatum operated for necrosis of the tibia. Quite insensible.

Also to Samuel Kinder, aet. 23, whilst Mr. Hewett performed amputation of the arm, above the elbow, for disease of that joint. Struggling before the insensibility. No sign of pain. The patient had a cough, but did not cough during the inhalation.

Administered Chloroform on Saturday Dec. 2 to Mrs. Bowles, a lady apparently between 50 & 60, at Hakes's Hotel, whilst Mr. Caesar Hawkins removed a scirrhus tumour of the breast. Dr. Mays was present and Mr. Athol Johnson assisted. The narcotism was only just carried to the 3rd degree. There was a little groaning when the operation began, but no sign of consciousness and no flinching. She recovered her consciousness at the conclusion of the operation, without any aberration of mind. There was no sickness.

Monday 4 Dec.

Mrs. Kitterick's Nephew. Rep Mist.

Mrs. Snelling. R Magnes Carb Soda Carb aa 3i Aq 3vss T^r Card Co 3iii [th].

Tuesday 5 Dec.

Mrs. Snelling. Rep Mist.

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Wednesday Dec. 6, 1848

Mrs. Butler. Delivery (Mas).

Thursday Dec. 7

Mrs. Snelling. R Sol Quinae 3ii T^r Hyos 3iii Aq 3vss-3ss ter die.

Administered Chloroform at St. George's Hospital to Rob^t. Greenwood, aet. 29, whilst Mr. Hawkins performed amputation of the great toe with its metatarsal bone for necrosis. He was a robust patient, and talked and muttered after becoming unconscious. Then there was some rigidity for a few seconds. Then the muscles became somewhat relaxed, although the muttering continued, and the conjunctiva being nearly insensible the operation was begun and was performed without signs of pain, although the patient talked unintelligibly nearly all the time. A little vomiting just as he was recovering his consciousness, and a little the following morning.

Also to John Andrews, aet. 39, whilst Mr. Cutler opened some sinuses in the perineum communicating with the urethra.

Also to Mary Russell, aet. 18, whilst Mr. Hewett removed some necrosed portion of the carpal and metacarpal bones. The girl in appearance had not arrived at puberty, and she lost the common sensibility without excitement, struggling or rigidity. The eyes turned up each time voluntary motion was suspended by the vapour.

Sunday Dec. 10

Mrs. Snelling. Rep Mist.

Mrs. Root's Baby. Vini Ipec T^r Hyos aa 3i Aqua 3x [th] 3i 4^{ta} q. q. hora.

{39} Administered Chloroform on Saturday Dec. 9 at King's College Hospital whilst Mr. Partridge removed a large tumour of the testicle in a middle-aged man which proved to be of a fungoid nature. This patient muttered unintelligibly during and after the rigidity, which was not great, and during the operation.

Administered Chloroform also to a young man whilst Mr. Fergusson performed amputation of the fore-finger.

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Monday 11 Dec.

Mrs. Butler. Haust Cath.

Mrs. Terry, 56 Frith Street. Delivery (Mas). Was called in the morning of the 10th. between 8 & 9. The patient is a slender person 20 years old & has had one child. Slight uterine contractions about every five minutes, os uteri far back and very little dilated. Complains a good deal of the pains which have been present since 5 o'clock. They continued for 2 or 3 hours longer and then subsided, but returned about 10 at night. At this time the os uteri was in nearly the same state as in the morning. The pains continued all night and I was called at 1/2 past 7 A.M. on the 11th. The os uteri was now in the centre and dilated to the size of a half penny, the membranes unruptured and the pains pretty strong. The patient had had very little sleep since the 9th., and was weary and impatient. The pulse was natural and there was no fever. She began shortly after this to inhale chloroform. After the first inhalation, although it did not either cause unconsciousness or altogether remove the suffering, there was a longer pause than usual before the next pain; but after this they progressed as before. The patient slept between the {40} pains, and called for more chloroform at the commencement of each fresh one. The inhalation was left off for half an hour on that occasion and at 11 o'clock the os uteri was dilated to the size of a crown piece and the head was advanced within the brim of the pelvis. The chloroform was given with every pain after this time. A little before one the patient, who was not quite conscious of surrounding objects, exclaimed that the child was coming. The bag of waters was protruding externally, and the membranes were so tough that both hands were required to tear them. The head now pressed on the perineum which was supported. A little more chl^m. was given and in a few minutes the child was born. It was small, it moved its limbs freely as soon as born, and breathed regularly but did not cry, or seem to dilate its lungs freely for some time. The placenta followed immediately and the patient slept the greater part of the afternoon.

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Administered Chloroform this evening to Miss Rickards, of Stowlangtoft Rectory, staying at Mr. Joseph Wilson's, Highbury Hill. Apparently about 25 years of age she has been suffering from neuralgia more or less for 9 years. The complaint has been very severe for the last three weeks. It affects now the left side of the face and head and the left arm, but more particularly a tooth on that side decayed and stopped. The pain usually comes on about three in the afternoon and lasts till an early hour in the morning. Takes morphia in 1/2 gr doses wh. are often repeated 2 or 3 times in the day. Is under Dr. Watson's care and is now taking the Iodide of Pot. Tried Quininae lately but could not go on with it. Inhaled until consciousness was nearly suspended, and remained 5 minutes without speaking. Afterwards she said that she was very comfortable, and {41} felt only the least possible pain in the tooth. The inhalation was repeated 3 times in the course of an hour – the last time to the extent of just inducing unconsciousness. The pain which returned after the inhalation was very slight and confined to the neighbourhood of the tooth. P. which had been rather quick was soft and slow after the inhalation.

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Tuesday 12 Dec.

Saw Miss Rickards at Dr. Watson's. States that she fell asleep at 11 last night (2 hours after the chl^m.) and slept about 3 hours when she was awoken by decided tooth ache, and took a dose of morphia, after wh. she went to sleep again. Has not been able to go to sleep at 11 o'clock for some weeks. To have the tooth removed.

Mrs. Snelling. Rep Mist Magnes &c c Acid Hydrocy m x.

Administered Chloroform to Mrs. Clarke at the Mall, Chiswick whilst Mr. Johnson removed a scirrhous of the breast. Died of Pleurisy.

Administered Chloroform also to a ladies' maid, apparently about 40, whilst Mr. Johnson operated for fistula in ano. The patient was in Warwick St.

Wednesday 13 Dec.

Administered Chloroform to Anne Weatherburn at Mr. Rogers' whilst he extracted the stump of a tooth.

Mrs. Terry has been going on well but today has been complaining of severe periodic pains in the uterus. They were unattended by fever and were relieved by an opiate.

Mrs. Hawley's Children, 66 Frith Street. Prescribing Vin Ipec T^r Hyosc aa ʒii Liq Pot ʒss Syr Simp ʒiiiss Aq ʒii-ʒii et ʒi ter quatuor die.

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Thursday 14 Dec.

Mrs. Edwards, Newport Court. Delivery (Mas).

Mrs. Butler. Rep Haust Aper.

Friday 15 Dec.

Mrs. Snelling. Rep Mist Quinae.

Mrs. Edwards. Mist Cath ʒiv.

Administered Chloroform to a young lady – aged about 25 but slender and in appearance not more than 16 – whilst Mr. Quain removed an osseous tumour, attached to the thigh bone a little above the knee. The patient was rendered unconscious in the adjoining room, and had some more vapour when placed on the table. There was the least possible rigidity in the third degree. The inspirations were of a sobbing character when the knife entered and for a quarter of a minute; the rest of the time the patient was perfectly still with the eyes turned up. She took a little vapour from time to time. After being removed to bed she recovered her consciousness without aberration and was very cheerful. The exostosis was separated by pincers.

Saturday 16 Dec.

Royal Oak Benefit Society. Examining Wm. Prior. Has been ill since an attack of influenza a year ago, and has spat blood at various times. P. quick. Heart's impulse increased. Bronchophony and increased breath sounds in expiration under the left clavicle, towards the axilla.

Mrs. Edwards. Liq Am Acet ʒiss Ant Tart gr $\frac{3}{4}$ Aq ʒivss T^r Rhei Co ʒss [th] ʒi 4^{ta} q. q. hora.

- 43 {43} Administered Chloroform to Joseph === at Mr. Toynbee's whilst he removed a small tumour on the eyelid which has returned. Became insensible without any excitement rigidity or struggling. Eyes not turned up, conjunctivae insensible. Recovered promptly without sequelae.

Administered Chloroform to Miss Lee (known to Jacob Bell) at Mr. Clarke's, 57 Brook St, whilst he removed three teeth. The patient (a young lady) became insensible without any excitement – only uttering a little humming sound just before being insensible. The conjunctiva was nearly insensible and the eye not turned up. The jaws were clenched, but could be opened with a little exertion, when the teeth were extracted without flinch or cry. Recovery prompt and complete, without sequelae.

Administered Chloroform at King's College Hospital to a child 9 weeks old previous to Mr. Fergusson's operating for hare-lip. Insensible to the cutting, but cried during the sutures.

Sunday 17 Dec.

Mrs. Edwards. Rep Mist.

Administered Chloroform to Mr. ===, an artist in Southampton St., Fitzroy Sq., whilst Mr. Fergusson removed a fatty tumour from the back.

Tuesday 19 Dec.

Mrs. Edwards' Baby – Mist Creta c Casca ʒi.

Wednesday 20 Dec.

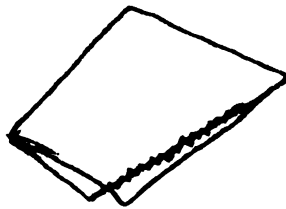
- 44 Administered Chloroform to Mr. ===, Millbank Terrace whilst Mr. Johnson removed some excrescences from the anus – just to 3rd. degree. {44} Insensible to pain, was singing just after the operation, soon recovered his consciousness, soon afterwards was rather pale, (tho' he had been florid during the operation and the breathing had not been in any way oppressed) and felt rather sick but did not vomit. He then became in an hysterical state, sobbing crying or laughing occasionally but quite conscious all the time; this state lasted above an hour, during the greater part of wh. time he complained of smarting wh. began a few minutes after the operation & began to subside in about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour.

Thursday 21 Dec.

Administered Chloroform to Mr. Birkbeck at Keswick, near Norwich. Aged 62, he was thrown from his horse 4 years ago & apparently kicked whilst on the ground. He believes that he did not lose his consciousness. There was a considerable depression of a portion of the right parietal bone near its upper and posterior angle, but there were no symptoms of cerebral pressure or irritation for two years, when he fell from his seat in some kind of fit. After this he had partial paralysis of the left arm, impaired vision, and a melancholy or apathetic state of mind. He was also subject to attacks of real or apparent suspension of the breathing. The operation of removing the depressed portion of bone was performed by Mr. Aston Key. Dr. Bell of Aylsham, the patient's attendant, objected to chloroform on account of alleged feeble and irregular action of the heart in addition to the above symptoms. However it was agreed to try the effects of chloroform carefully. The patient appeared somewhat {45} reduced by his illness, his lips being rather pale and the pulse somewhat weak. He became gradually insensible without any rigidity or struggling. After inhaling a little time he began to mutter incoherently and in a little time the conjunctiva became partially insensible. The incision in the scalp was made with scarcely any flinching. The sawing out of a piece of bone about this* size and shape with Key's saw occupied a considerable time (upwards of 1/2 an hour). During this the patient was kept in the 2nd. degree by inhaling a little occasionally. Soon after the inhalation began, the respiration was on one occasion suspended for the greater part of a minute, much like what occurs in hydrocephalus, but the pulse continued not much affected. He also vomited freely during the operation 2 or 3 times. Dr. Bell remarked that he had been subject to vomiting amongst other symptoms. The patient recovered his consciousness in about a quarter of an hour, and in a little time was in perfect enjoyment of all his faculties, being very cheerful and in fact better than before the operation. About two hours after he fell asleep. "On Saturday 23rd inflammation extended to the brain, and after sinking all day on Sunday, he died on Monday at 2 o'clock." There was pus under the bone and the dura mater was diseased and gave way during the operation.

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**[Snow drew a diagram which overlies his text at this point. It appears thus, and seems to represent the piece of bone removed by Mr. Key.]*



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Monday 25 Dec., 1848

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Mrs. Terry's Child, Little Earl St. P. Jalap gr vi P. Scam gr iii statim Pot Acet 3i T^r Digital
 ℥ xxv Aq ʒiv [th] ʒss 4th q. q. hora.

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 There was no matter the brain and the dura mater was dense and green, during
 the operation.

Figure 2: Entry for 21 December 1848 in which Snow recorded a visit to Norfolk.

Tuesday 26 Dec.

Mr. Terry's Son. Rep Mist.

Mrs. Bent's Baby. ℞ Mist Creta Casca ꝑi T^r Rhei Vin Ipec aa ℥ xx.

On Thursday night last Mr. Fergusson amputated the leg of an elderly man who had just before suffered an accident. The man was very drunk and Mr. F. informed me that he evinced but little feeling, and did not seem aware of what was being done. He once called out during the operation that he had the cramp in his leg. When I questioned the patient about it on the Saturday morning he said that he did not remember anything of the operation, and that he thought they had given him chloroform & that was the reason why he did not feel it.

Mrs. Terry's Baby, 56 Frith St. Visit.

Wednesday 27 Dec.

Administered Chloroform to Miss Archer, niece of Sir Arthur Lopez, in Upper Grosvenor St., whilst Mr. Fergusson removed the last phalanx of the fore finger for Scrofulous Disease. Dr. Golding Bird was present. The patient became insensible without struggling or excitement. After recovering her consciousness she began to complain of great pain in the wound – a piece of lint wetted with chloroform was applied over the wet lint which had previously been applied, but without {47} apparent benefit. Consequently she inhaled a little chloroform from time to time with the effect of removing the sensitivity and inducing a state of repose or sleep. At the end of an hour and a half the chloroform was no longer required the smarting being less – but the patient was cold and took some warm wine and water with advantage. There was no sickness at any time.

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Mrs. Terry's Baby, Frith St. Visit.

Mr. Terry's Son, Little Earl St. Rep Mist.

Thursday 28 Dec.

Mrs. Terry's Baby, Frith Street, 2 Visits.

Mrs. Johnson, 3 Little Newport St. Opii Hydr Chlor aa gri St. ℞ Sod Sesquicarb ꝑii Aq ꝑiiiiss Sp^{ls} Myrist ꝑii T^r. Card Co ꝑi [th] ꝑi 2^{und} q. q. hora. Rep. Pil. Rep Mist.

Administered Chloroform at St. George's Hospital to Wm. Mead, aet. 40, whilst Mr. Hawkins performed lithotrity. Died in Jan.

Also to Mary Connor, aet. 10, whilst Mr. Hawkins divided some tendons on the inner side of the foot for a species of club foot.

Also to Alfred Hunt, aet. 14, whilst Mr. Cutler removed a sequestrum from the tibia.

Also to Geo. Tidey whilst Mr. Johnson removed a small scirrhus tumour from the lower lip.

Friday 29 Dec.

Mrs. Terry's Child, Frith Street. Two Visits.

Mr. Terry's Son, Little Earl St. Rep Mist.

48 {48} Mrs. Johnson. Rep Mist ̄vi.

Mrs. [Duhy]. Delivery (Fem). Was called to her yesterday and found her distressed with vomiting and suffering severe pains with great bearing down efforts. Os uteri was dilated, head presenting above the brim of the pelvis. A dose of laudanum was vomited, but a second dose given two or three hours later was retained, and relieved the pains. She passed the night without much pain. The pains returned this morning, and at my visit about eleven I found the os uteri dilated to rather more than the size of a shilling. The pains continued to increase and at 1/2 past 3 had become very strong. The os uteri was the size of a crown piece and the head descending into the pelvis. The patient was screaming out and complaining bitterly of her suffering, and there was great bearing down which caused a fullness of the vagina with a tendency to prolapsus of its mucous membrane. She now inhaled the chloroform, a small quantity of wh. short of causing unconsciousness seems to have the effect of increasing the straining efforts of the respiratory muscles, but when she inhaled enough to render her unconscious there was a longer pause before the next pain, wh. generally did not return until she had resumed the conscious state. After a very long pain during which she was but partly conscious, she exclaimed that the child was born, and I found it was so as far as the hips, it was partly covered by the membranes, wh. had been ruptured only at birth. It did not breathe at first, but the cord was pulsating well, and it fetched a sigh now and then on being blown at with the breath; it breathed better on the cord being pressed tightly – so it was tied and divided and in a short time the child was crying and seemed to be {49} recovered. It however made a moaning noise afterwards, and it expired 8 hours after its birth. The birth took place 3/4 of an hour after the inhalation of chloroform began. In two or three minutes two large firm clots of blood weighing about a pound were expelled immediately afterwards; there was no more haemorrhage of consequence and the pulse or general feelings and state of the patient were not in the least affected by the haemorrhage. Not much afterpain. The mother had a fall on her hands and knees about a week ago, and thinks that may have injured the child, which is doubtful.

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Mrs. Penry's Daug^t. ̄ Hydr Chlor gr ii P. Jalapae gr vi statim. ̄ Liq Am Ac ̄i T^r Hyosecy ̄ xl Aq ̄iii [th] ss 4^{ta} q. q. hora.

Saturday 30 Dec., 1848

Mrs. Terry's Baby. Visit.

Mrs. Penry's Daug^t. Rep Mist Rep Pulv c Jalapae gr ix.

Son. ̄ Hydr Chlor gr iss P. Jalapae griv statim Liq Am Ac ̄i T^r Hyosc 31 Aq ̄ ii.

Mrs. [Duhy]. Empl Adhes ii Marasmus.

Sunday 31 Dec.

Terry's Baby. Visit.

Mrs. Johnson. Mist Quinae ̄vi.

Monday 1 January, 1849

Administered Chloroform to Miss Wickham, aet. 15, 15 Chesterfield St., May Fair, a patient of Dr. Page's whilst Mr. Fletcher removed 3 teeth. Became quietly insensible, and the teeth were taken out without any sign of sensation, although they were very firmly fixed. Recovery quiet and favourable.

{50} Mrs. Terry's Baby. Two Visits.

Mr. Terry's Son, Little Earl St. Pulv Cath ii.

Mr. Penry's Son. Rep Mist. Daug't. Mist Quinae 3iv P. Cath.

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Tuesday 2 January, 1849

Mrs. Terry's Baby Visit.

Mrs. Johnson. Rep Mist Quinae.

Administered Chloroform to Mrs. Browne, a patient of Mr. Keate's at Mr. Robinson's, Gower Street, whilst he removed four or five teeth. Mr. Stocker the patient's usual medical attendant was present. She inhaled very steadily, and voluntary motion ceased in a little more than a minute although the valve had not been quite closed; the eyes were now slightly turned up and the surface of the conjunctivae rather congested but winking still continued. In a little time, half a minute or so, longer the conjunctivae were insensible. The operation was now commenced – the jaws were rather rigid, but were opened with a little pressure. The patient cried out a little but did not flinch or move her hands. The crying increased as the operation went on, and after 3 teeth and stumps had been extracted, some more vapour was inhaled. She continued to cry in an hysterical manner during the inhalation, and also whilst 2 more teeth were extracted and until she began to recover her consciousness. Did not feel the operation. Felt sick for some time and vomited once or twice, but the sickness was relieved by a little brandy and water.

In the case of Miss Wickham yesterday there was not the least cry, altho' the conjunctiva was still sensible.

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Wednesday 3 January

Mr. Penry's Son. Mist Ammoniae Carb 3iii.

Friday 5 Jan.

Mr. Penry's Son. Rep Mist. Daug^l. Rep Mist Rep Pulv Cath.

Sunday 7 Jan.

Mr. Penry's Son. Mist Quinae 3iii.

Monday 8 January

Administered Chloroform to Miss Cockridge from Bury St. Edmunds whilst Mr. Rogers extracted three more of her teeth.

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Tuesday 9 Jan.

Mr. Penry's Daughter. Mist Liq Ammon Acet c Hyoscy ʒiv.

Wednesday 10 Jan.

Mr. Penry's Son. Rep Mist.

Mr. Hillier (Yesterday). Sodi Sesquicarb ʒiss Tʳ Hyoscy ʒiii Aq ʒvss [th] ʒi ter die.

Thursday 11 Jan.

Mr. Penry's Son. R̄ Hydr c Creta gr iv P. Rhei gr i ter die Mitte vi.

Mr. Hillier. Rep Mist.

Friday 12 Jan.

Mrs. Allen. Delivery (Fem).

Saturday 13 Jan.

Mrs. Barker. Visit.

Mr. Penry's Son. Mist Cretae (c Tʳ Opii ʒ vi) ʒiii.

Monday 15 Jan.

Mr. Hillier. Rep Mist. Pil Aper ii.

52 {52} Mr. Penry's Child. Rep Mist.

Wednesday 17 January, 1849

Mrs. Ripley. Pil Aper xii.

Mr. Hillier. Pil Copaiba xviii – ii ter die.

Thursday 18

Mr. Penry's Child. Mist Quinae ʒiv.

Saturday 20

Mr. Penry's Child. Rep Mist.

Monday 22

Mr. Johnson. Pil Calom gr iii R̄ Magnes Sulph ʒvi Mag Carb ʒ ii Aq ʒvi Sp Lav ʒss [th] ʒi 4^{ta} q. q. hora.

Mr. Park's Daug^t. Ung^t. Iodinii ʒss.

Administered Chloroform on Tuesday 16th to Mr. Halliday lodging at 3 King Street, St. James', a patient of Mr. Harrison & Mr. Cutler, whilst the latter opened an abscess in the perineum consequent on stricture. The patient appeared to be about 35. His lips indicated by

their deep red tint a condition the reverse of anaemia, his tongue was coated with a brown fur. After inhaling one or two minutes there was considerable rigidity with some struggling and some incoherent attempts to talk at the same time. After continuing the vapour a little longer the contraction of the muscles gave way, but he continued, or rather began afresh, to mutter incoherently. There were no signs of pain during the operation. He vomited during his recovery from the chloroform, and for a little time afterwards – a thin green liquid, tasting as he said very bitter. Sickness completely subsided in a short time. 19th. going on well.

{53} Administered Chloroform on Thursday 18th. at St. George's Hos. to John Wilkins, aet. 23, whilst Mr. Johnson operated for necrosis of the lower part of the humerus the result of injury. The man appeared in good condition, lips and cheeks florid. There was incoherent muttering after the previous rigidity, and during the operation. The op. lasted some time; but there was no sickness then or afterwards.

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Also whilst Mr. Hewett operated on Rich. Bishop, aet. 17, for necrosis of the tibia – some rigidity, but no muttering afterwards. (Patient rather pale). Some sickness after his removal to bed – it did not continue long although the nurse said that he was subject to sickness.

Also in the Drummond Ward to Hannah Deakins, aet. 29, whilst Mr. Johnson removed a small tumour from the inner and posterior part of the thigh, just below the nates. She began to inhale lying on the abdomen with the face turned to one side. She became unconscious but before being insensible turned purple in the face, & the pulse became small and frequent. The face-piece was removed, and the patient turned her face voluntarily. The purple tinge went off almost immediately, and the inhalation was recommenced in a more convenient posture before she recovered her consciousness. She was soon insensible, and the operation performed whilst she was snoring. She lapsed into a natural sleep without recovering her consciousness, and there were no sequelae.

Administered Chloroform on Friday 19th. to Hon. Mr. Butler from Ireland, at the Grosvenor Hotel, Park St., whilst Mr. Cutler removed the left testicle. Appeared pretty robust. A little struggling in the third degree and some incoherent muttering afterwards during the operation. No sickness.

{54} Administered Chloroform on Saturday 20th. at King's College Hospital to James Child, aet. 17, whilst Mr. Fergusson performed lithotomy, opening at the same time an abscess in the perineum. After using his finger and the scoop once or twice to get it into a right position, he succeeded in removing a longitudinal calculus, deposited on a piece of stick nearly two inches long that the boy had introduced into the bladder by the urethra.

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Also whilst Mr. Partridge removed a large fatty tumour from the back of Catherine Noland, aet. 26. A little preliminary excitement and struggling in this instance.

Tuesday 23rd. January, 1849

Mr. Johnson. Rep Mist sine Mag Sulph.

Wednesday 24

Mrs. Dearen. Hydr Chlor gr iiss Opii gr i h.s. Pot Acet 3i V. Colch 3iss Aq 3vi Spⁱ Lavand 3ss [th] 3i 4^{ta} q. q. hora.

Mr. Penry's Child. Rep Mist.

55 Mrs. Barker, Ampthill Square. Delivery (Fem). Felt uneasiness and bearing down for the greater part of the last fortnight, but only had labour pains since 4 o'clock this morning. Saw her at one today, pains very slight and 20 minutes apart. Os uteri half dilated, membranes entire and presentation natural, head entering the pelvis. An hour or two afterwards the pains increased a little in frequency, but there was no appreciable alteration of the os uteri till about six o'clock when it began to increase in size. She {55} now complained very much of the pain, and a persistent uneasiness between pains, and the administration of chloroform was commenced in small quantity with each pain with very good relief. Consciousness was not removed at first but in the second stage of labour, wh. began about 9 when the pains were stronger, a larger quantity was given, and consciousness was once or twice removed for a short time. The chloroform having become exhausted she was upwards of ten minutes without it at this period and complained extremely. Having obtained a fresh supply the patient uttered no more cries, the child was born in about ten minutes. Was conscious of the birth but says that the pain was lulled. There was a rather free discharge of blood with the placenta which followed in 2 or 3 minutes, but it did not cause any faintness. Next day complained a good deal of after pains, wh. was relieved by an opiate. Was much pleased with the effects of the chloroform. 27th Going on very well.

Mrs. Martin. Mist Cretae Co c T^r Opii et Catechu.

Thursday 25 January

Mrs. Dearen. Rep Mist sine Colchico. Pil Aper ii.

Mr. Johnson. Mist c Quassia et Magnesia.

Administered Chloroform at St. George's Hospital to Elizabeth Gillins, aet. 22, whilst Mr. Hewett removed a polypus of the nose. Became gradually insensible without struggling or excitement in about three minutes. Sat without uttering a sound, or moving a feature or limb during the operation which lasted between two and three minutes. Sick the greater part of the afternoon but no further sequelae.

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Saturday 27 January, 1849

Administered Chloroform to Mrs. Charsley, a lady apparently upwards of 50, a patient of Mr. Partridge whilst Mr. Robinson extracted some teeth. She had a slight irregularity in the action of the heart which had existed for five years and caused her medical man in the country to be opposed very much to the use of chloroform which however she wished to have. Mr. Partridge considered that it might be given but wished her to see me. She however went to Mr. Robinson's without seeing me, and came here this morning from Mr. Robinson's after he had commenced to exhibit chloroform twice but been unable to proceed on account of her resisting. I found an irregularity in the pulse which paused

R. Saturday 27 January 1849
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 of Chloroform which however she wished to have. Mr. Partridge
 considered that it might be given but she wished ^{her} to see me.
 She however went afterwards to Mr. Robinson without seeing me.
 She came here this morning from Mr. Robinson's after he had
 commenced to exhibit chloroform to her but has been unable to pro-
 ceed on account of her resisting. I found an irregularity in
 the pulse which passed away 5 or 6 beats. The sounds of the
 heart were natural except this irregularity. I told her that
 she might safely take the chloroform and I returned with her
 to Mr. R. Soon after she began to inhale and whilst the vapour was
 still very weak, she pushed away the face piece, and said she would
 not go on as she felt as if she was going to die: Being induced to begin
 again her fear produced the same result. Mr. R. then got her to
 make some chl^r in a handkerchief, we got this a little nearer
 to her face and when she had become drowsy and succeeded in
 getting the face piece on and in some making her insensible, there
 was some excitement and struggling after she became insensible.
 Two teeth were taken out without any signs of sensation
 she then awoke again, and the third tooth broke and had to be taken
 out in pieces and towards the end she cried out - Next on recovering
 her consciousness which she did upwards of 5 minutes afterwards.
 She said that she had felt nothing whatever - There was no diffi-
 culty in passing the mouth - (She opened and was passive, eyes turned
 up) There was no palor or sickness - She said that she felt a little
 headache just after recovering her consciousness.

Figure 3: Snow here gives the anaesthetic for a dental extraction by James Robinson, the true pioneer of British anaesthesia (see Introduction, p. xviii–xix).

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Administered Chloroform at King's College Hospital to Eliza Oliver, aet. 20, whilst Mr. Fergusson operated for fistula in ano. She became insensible without the least excitement or struggling and exhibited no signs of pain.

Also to Rob^l. Cochrane, aet. 14, whilst Mr. Fergusson performed Chopart's amputation at the foot. Like the last case.

Also to John Mahoney, aet. 19, whilst Mr. F. divided the tendo Achillis in the limb on which he had performed Chopart's amputation of the foot several weeks ago. The patient having been in the hospital ever since, his stump being now healed, and he being now in very good condition the reverse of his state at the former operation. He began to inhale in rather an awkward posture without having his head well supported. He had scarcely lost his consciousness when he began to kick violently and to strike out with his fists with all his might. He was secured by the assistants, and the inhalation being resumed he was soon made insensible, and the operation was performed. Soon afterwards he began to shout and scream and was carried away in this state. When I saw him in the ward about twenty minutes {58} afterwards he was suffering hysteric fits. He was lying on the bed struggling, and three or four patients holding him. The eyelids were closed & the eyes turned up, conjunctivae sensible. The paroxysms lasted 2 or 3 minutes and were followed by an intermission of about the same duration during which the expression of his countenance was that of a person conscious, but he did not regard what was said. The paroxysms commenced with deep sobbing inspirations, and winking. Dashing cold water in the face and chest seemed to relieve him a little. The complaint left him in about an hour.

Administered Chloroform also to Herbert Poole, aet. 12, whilst Mr. Fergusson performed amputation of the thigh. Patient much reduced. Had chloroform in the ward, as well as the above, by Cochrane previous to his being carried into the theatre. Besides extensive ulceration of the cartilages of the knee joint there was an extensive abscess reaching far up the thigh, part of the walls of wh. remained in the stump. No excitement struggling or signs of pain.