

Dr. Powell was born in Co. Sligo, and was the son of the Rev. Edward Powell. He was educated at Hurstpierpoint College, amongst his contemporaries being R. A. Bennett, the present Editor of *Truth*, also Sir J. Steevens, K.C.B. Later he studied medicine at Glasgow and Edinburgh, and held the posts of House Surgeon and Resident Physician at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow. After voyages to China, Australia, etc., as a ship surgeon, during which he acquired much experience of malaria and syphilis as seen in the tropics, he began practice at Connaught Square, London, W.

Dr. Powell began his work in Throat and Ear Disease in 1892 at the Throat Hospital, Golden Square, London. He was appointed a member of the Staff in 1898, and worked unweariedly there till a few days before his death. Owing to his kindly manner, his good humour, and the interest he took in them, he was highly esteemed and popular with his patients, the students, and the nursing staff. He was more of a speaker than a writer on the subjects of his specialty. Amongst his papers we mention one on "Some Affections of the Larynx, with Especial Reference to Loss of Voice," *Med. Press Circ.*, 1911, and one on the "Treatment of Mastoiditis," *Polyclinic*, 1911.

For some years Dr. Powell had suffered from attacks of laryngitis, bronchitis, and dyspepsia. An operation done last year tried him much, and though never well afterwards he continued to work till a few days before the end of his busy and useful life.

He leaves a widow and one son.

J. W. B.

### NOTES AND QUERIES.

It is with pleasure and great pride that we insert the following extract from "Nelson's History of the War," by John Buchan, vol. vii, p. 35. It appears in the chapter dealing with the second battle of Ypres:

"Every day of the fighting we had got in our wounded under cover of night, and in the cellars of Zonnebeke village operations had been performed by candle-light. That evening" (May 3, 1915) "the wounded were evacuated, all but a small number of very bad cases whom it was impossible to move, and who were left behind in charge of two orderlies. The Royal Army Medical Corps have never done more brilliant work in all their brilliant history. Under the guidance of Col. Ferguson, assisted by Major Waggett (the well-known London specialist on throat diseases) the cases were brought from the cellars and dug-outs, and silently and swiftly carried along the dark roads beyond the fire zone. The difficulty of such a withdrawal may be realised from the fact that at some places, such as Grafenstafel and Broodseinde, the Germans were within ten yards of our line. Not less than 780 wounded were removed from our front. . . . Not a single man was lost."

The following advertisement appeared in the *British Medical Journal*, June 3, 1916:

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### BOOK RECEIVED.

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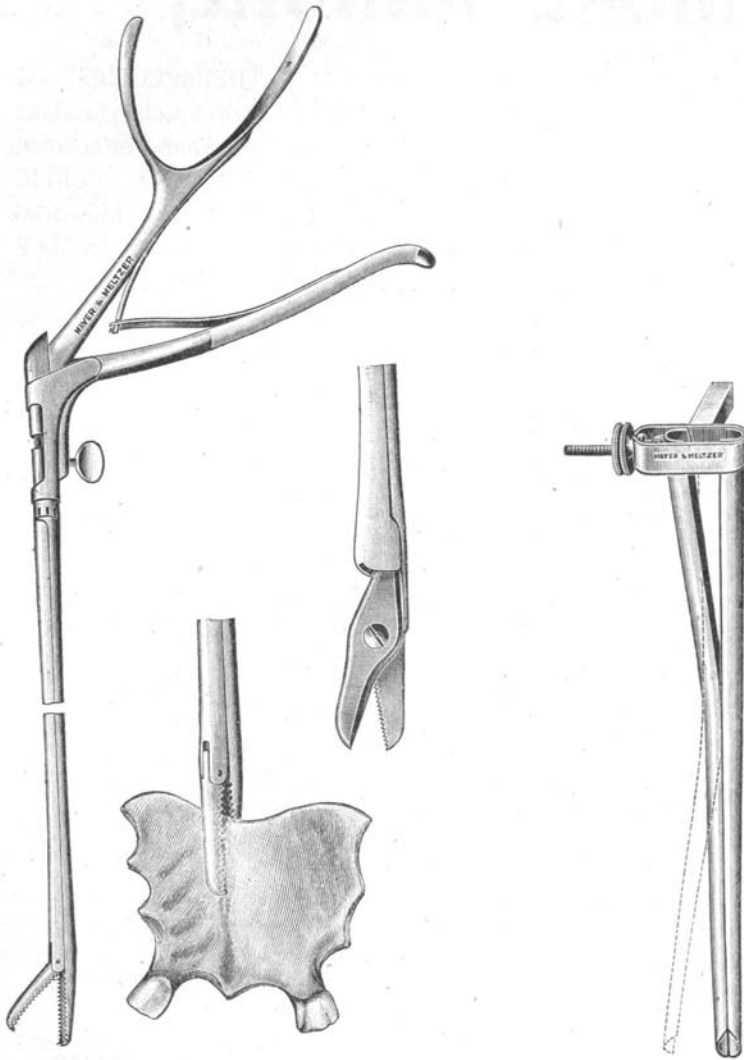
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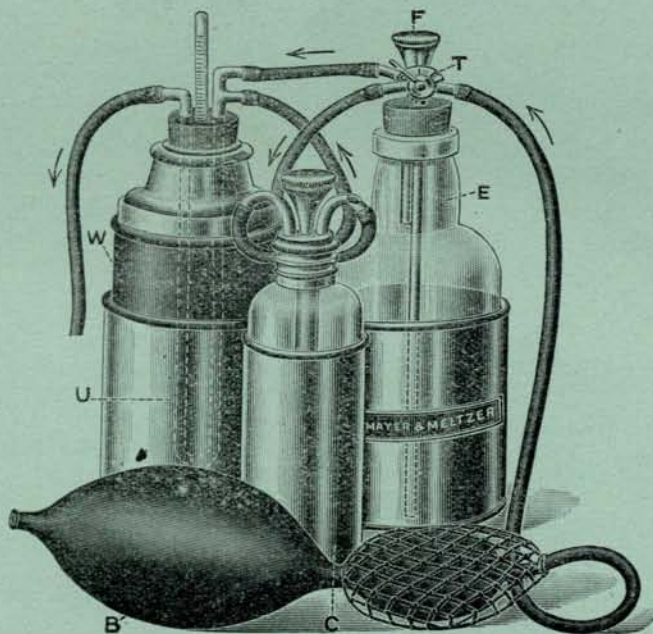
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