

36, Harley Street, W., 23rd March, 1892.
 MR. A. S. WOHLMANN has been a most able and diligent student at Guy's Hospital. He came under my close observation during six months in which, as my house surgeon, he had charge of the patients in my wards. Judging from the knowledge, intelligence, and conscientiousness which he then showed, and from the extensive experience in medical and surgical work which he has had, I believe that he is thoroughly qualified to fill a responsible position in the practice of our profession.
 N. DAVIES-COLLEY, M.A., M.C., Cantab.,
 Surgeon and Lecturer on Surgery, Guy's Hospital.

26, Weymouth Street, Portland Place, W.
 I HAVE much pleasure in writing a testimonial for Mr. Wohlmann, whose clinical work I have been able closely to follow for more than four years. As house surgeon he was a most valuable medical officer, and I left the most important and critical cases under his care, having complete confidence in his judgment and in his professional knowledge. As clinical assistant in the Throat Department, Mr. Wohlmann gave me the greatest assistance, and here he performed, many times, all the usual operations. In addition, Mr. Wohlmann is a most capable anaesthetist, and has administered chloroform and ether for me under a variety of conditions. The rapidity with which Mr. Wohlmann took his university degrees, the prizes he has won at Guy's, and the senior appointments he has held sufficiently attest his ability. I can only add that to all this he adds a most agreeable manner, and will, I am sure, be found an agreeable and desirable medical officer.

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 Assistant Surgeon and Surgeon in Charge of the Throat Department, Teacher of Operative and Practical Surgery, Guy's Hospital.

27, St. Thomas's Street, London Bridge, S.E., 26th March, 1892.
 I HAVE much pleasure in bearing testimony to the professional ability of Mr. A. S. Wohlmann. I shall not speak of his brilliant academic career, nor of the many prizes he has obtained, but of my personal knowledge of his work in my own department of midwifery and diseases of women. For the past two months he has been holding the appointment of resident obstetric assistant at Guy's Hospital. He has had exceptional advantages in acquiring a knowledge of these subjects, and I am glad to have this opportunity of saying that he has utilised these opportunities to the fullest extent. He has, under my supervision, performed many obstetric operations with great success, and I feel confident that his acquirements in obstetrics and diseases of women will prove of great service. I wish to add that Mr. Wohlmann is a gentleman with whom it is a pleasure to work. He has my best wishes for his success.

PETER HORROCKS, M.D., F.R.C.P.,
 Assistant Obstetric Physician to and Demonstrator of Practical Obstetrics and Diseases of Women at Guy's Hospital, Examiner in Obstetrics on the Conjoint Board for England.

Dr. Parkes Weber, whose knowledge and experience of thermal baths, &c., are well known, and who assisted the Hon. W. P. Reeves, Agent-General, to make the selection, writes as follows, after having interviewed the candidates: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. Wohlmann out of all the candidates for the post of Balneologist to the New Zealand Government, and in expressing my opinion that they would have to wait long to get a better man."

Dr. Wohlmann will be asked to analyse the various mineral waters as soon as possible after his arrival. A treatise on them and their uses will then be published for general information. He will reside at Rotorua and take charge of the Sanatorium and baths, giving medical advice and information as to the proper use of the mineral waters at fixed fees to visitors who may wish to consult him. He will also give medical attention and advice to the Sanatorium patients and Natives of the Rotorua district.

His report to the Agent-General on his observations in connection with Continental health resorts and mineral springs which he visited just prior to embarking for New Zealand is as follows:—

REPORT BY DR. WOHLMANN ON CONTINENTAL HEALTH RESORTS.

I have the honour to report that, in accordance with your instructions, I have made a tour of inspection of a number of the principal mineral-water health resorts of Europe.

The number of such spas is of course enormous, and I was compelled to limit my choice to such places as those whose waters more nearly resembled those of Rotorua, or whose reputation was world-wide owing to the completeness of their bathing establishments.

I visited Aix les Bains, in France; Baden Baden, Wiesbaden, Frankfurt, Homburg, Nauheim, Schwalbach, and Aachen, in Germany; and Carlsbad and Marienbad, in Austria.

To visit such a large number of widely scattered places within the short space of three weeks necessitated, of course, a very short stay at each, and was only managed at all by incessant and unsparing travel; but I am convinced that I should not have profited much by a longer stay at each unless my tour had been prolonged into some months, so as to enable me to watch actual cases through weeks of treatment. A great deal of what I saw at a new place was merely a duplicate of what I had already seen at the last one, and of what I was already perfectly familiar with at Bath, so that often a few hours were sufficient for me to examine all the salient points.

At the time of year when I was compelled to make my visit most of the spas, with the exception of Wiesbaden, were "out of season" and empty of visitors, and, though this deprived me of the opportunity of seeing things in full swing, yet it had its compensations, for I was enabled to make a more complete and minute examination of the various bathing appliances and fittings than I should have done had the baths been thronged with patients and the doctors and attendants busy.

In this report I am making no attempt to give a detailed account of what I saw and heard, but rather a general impression. In my note-book I have a great number of details and drawings, which I have retained for future reference.

Speaking generally, I was impressed by the fact that wherever springs were situated in large towns the expenses of the bathing establishment were greatly increased. On account of the value of land it was often nearly impossible to extend the buildings, and it was necessary to adopt special precautions to prevent sewage pollution of the springs. At the same time expensive artificial gardens and parks had to replace the natural beauties of the neighbourhood. Then, too, in a large town the simplicity of diet and of habits generally which are natural enough in the country are only with difficulty maintained. Everywhere I found that the local authorities were fully alive not only to the important financial asset they possessed in their mineral springs, but also to the value of the other gifts of Nature, and that the beauties of the neighbouring mountains, woods, and streams were made accessible, while yet carefully preserved.

Through the kindness of several medical men in England, and notably of Dr. Weber, I had introductions to the leading practitioners of the various spas I visited, and thus was able to obtain the benefit of expert guidance at each place; and I take this opportunity of recording my warmest thanks for the kind reception given and the unstinted trouble taken by the doctors whom I called on.

The principal points which I set myself to observe at each place were:—

1. The general routine of treatment: In this there was a certain marked resemblance everywhere, with minor local differences.