

ART. IX.—*Letter from DOCTOR MURPHY to DOCTOR STOKES,  
on the Exhibition of Opium in Peritonitis.*

12, Upper Temple-street,  
July 30th, 1839.

MY DEAR SIR,

At your kind suggestion, I have again perused your paper in the Dublin Journal, (vol. i.) on the Use of Opium in Peritonitis, and gladly take this opportunity of correcting the error I had fallen into, of attributing to you a priority in recommending it; I find you to state that “nine years ago (1823) Dr. Graves treated successfully two cases of peritonitis, after tapping, and occurring in patients of bad habits, *by opium*, without withdrawing a drop of blood, and more lately employed the same remedy in a case of peritonitis, from effusion of purulent matter into the serous sac.”

The error I had committed arose, from the length of time which elapsed since I had read your interesting paper rendering my recollection of its contents a little inaccurate; I would be obliged, therefore, if you would have inserted in the Dublin Journal this correction of my mistake.

I remain yours truly,

EDWARD W. MURPHY.