

NOTES FROM BOOKS.

*(of ... opinions relative to it)*  
Cursory Remarks on Corpulence or Obesity considered as a disease  
with a Critical Examination ~~(---)~~ (Causes and Cure. (Third edtn.)  
By William Wadd, Esq., F. L.S. Surg. Extraordinary to H.R.H.  
The Prince Regent &c. &c. &c. London: 1819 *'William Wadd's' copy*

*In this highly grangerized copy of Wadd's rare little book there is this,*  
Memorandum *by Wm Wadd, a previous owner.*

July 1903.

"If William Wadd had not been an able and successful surgeon, he would in all probability have won some of the laurels which now belong to Cruickshank. His work, be it with pen or pencil, was singularly fascinating and in the years 1901 and 1902 I extra-illustrated the 1829 edition of his "Comments on Corpulency" into four folio volumes, thus forming a collection which is almost unique both in its character and extent. I have been able to discover very little about Wadd beyond the brief notice given of him in the Dictionary of National Biography. By accident about a year ago I found a characteristic portrait of Wadd (from a private plate presumably etched by himself) which I placed in the first folio of my collection.

A few days ago I found this little volume partially grangerized by Wadd and bearing his autograph on the flyleaf in the catalogue of Mr. W. Brown of Edinburgh.

I have added to it the following autograph letter of my own ancestor Boerhaave, who is often mentioned by Wadd in the text;

15. Boerhaave (Hermann) un des plus illustres medecin a Montpellier; qui aient existe, n. 1668, m. 1738.

L. a. s., en fransais, a Nissolle, medecin a Montpellier; Leyde, 3 fevrier 1728, 1 p. in 4, fatiguee dans les plis.

Il L'informe qui'll lui enverra son nouvel ouvrage de botanique des qu'il connaitra une occasion sure et lui demande s'il n'a pas trouve quelques semences d'arbres ou h'herbes.

At page 100 of this edition W. Wadd alludes to another of my ancestors Philip Hayes, Mus: Doc: ob. 1797 (q. v.) who seems to have been as remarkable for his obesity as Hermann Boerhaave was for his medical skill.

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