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Papers of Dr. Henry Thomas and
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Dr. Henry Thomas (1832-1894) was a native of Chester, the son of Thomas Thomas (1799-1887) a printer in that city. Thomas Thomas was however a native of Bangor and a descendant of the Thomas family of Coed Helen, Caernarfon.

Dr. Henry Thomas became articled to Dr. Norton of Chester in 1852. He left to study medicine in America where he graduated as M.D. of the Western College of Homoeopathic Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio, and of the Homoeopathic Medical College of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia. He returned to practice in Chester before succeeding Dr. Norton as resident proprietor and medical superintendent of the Llandudno Hydropathic Establishment. He remained there until his death, 6 Feb. 1894.

Miss Eva Thomas was the youngest daughter of Dr. Henry Thomas. She was a teacher, principally of French and German which she had studied on the continent and held diplomas for both, but she also gave lessons in music and English.

PAPERS OF DR.HENRY THOMAS

1-31			<u>Papers re medical qualifications of Dr. Thomas:</u>
1			<u>Apprenticeship Indenture</u>
1	1852	Jan.16	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thomas Thomas of Chester, printer. 2. Henry Thomas, son of Thomas Thomas (as above) 3. John Edward Norton of Chester, physician. <p>APPRENTICESHIP INDENTURE of Henry Thomas as apprentice to John Edward Norton to learn the profession of surgeon.</p> <p>Term: 4 years</p> <p>Consideration: £97.</p> <p><u>Appended:</u></p> <p>NOTE by Henry Thomas that this indenture was made after he had served about twelve months with Dr. Norton.</p>
2-22			<u>College Certificates:</u>
2-11			<u>Western College of Homoeopathic Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio:</u>
2	1853	Nov.	MATRICULATION TICKET of Mr. Henry Thomas at the Western College of Homoeopathic Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio, 1853-1854.
3-10	1853-1854		<u>Attendance Tickets of Henry Thomas at the Western College of Homoeopathic Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio in the following subjects:</u>
3	1853-1854		Human Physiology and Principles of Medicine.
4	1853-1854		Materia Medica and Therapeutics.
5	1853-1854		Mineralogy and Medical Botany.

6	1853-1854		Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children.
7	1853-1854		Organic Chemistry, Toxicology and Microscopic Anatomy.
8	1853-1854		Special Pathology and Practice of Medicine.
9	1853-1854		Surgery and Surgical Anatomy.
10	1853-1854		General and Special Anatomy.
11	1856	Feb.28	DIPLOMA: Degree of Doctor of Medicine awarded to Henry Thomas by the Western Homeopathic College, Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A..
			<u>Homoeopathic Medical College of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia:</u>
12	1854-1855		MATRICULATION TICKET of Mr. Henry Thomas at the Homoeopathic Medical College of Pennsylvania, session 1859-1855.
			<u>Latin</u>
13-20	1834-1855		<u>Attendance Tickets of Henry Thomas at the Homoeopathic Medical College of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia in the following subjects:</u>
13	1854	Oct.16	Pathology and the Practice of Medicine
14	1854	Oct.21	Anatomy.
15	1854	Oct.23	Demonstrations in Practical Anatomy.
16	1854	Nov.[1]	Chemistry and Toxicology.
17	1854	Nov.20	Obstetrics and the Diseases of Women and Children.

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| 18 | 1855 | Jan. | Surgery. |
| 19 | 1855 | Jan.8 | Materia Medica and Therapeutics. |
| 20 | 1955 | Jan.8 | Physiology and Medical Jurisprudence. |
| 21 | 1855 | March 1 | <p>1. The Homoeopathic Medical College of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.</p> <p>2. Henry Thomas of Chester, Great Britain.</p> <p>GRANT of the degree of Doctor of Homoeopathic Medicine.</p> <p><u>Latin.</u></p> |
| 22 | 1858 | Aug.5 | <p>CERTIFICATE: Certifying that Mr. Henry Thomas (now M.D.) of Chester, England, attended a course of clinical lectures on the practice of medicine and surgery at the Homoeopathic Medical College of Pennsylvania during session 1854-1855. Signed by the president of the college A.[N] Parsons and the college secretary A. Reed with the college seal affixed.</p> |
| 23 | | | <p><u>Certificate of the Hahneman Medical Institute, Philadelphia:</u></p> |
| 23 | 1857 | March 1 | <p>CERTIFICATE of the Hahneman Medical Institute, Philadelphia certifying that Henry Thomas has satisfied their requirements and has been admitted an Honorary Fellow of the Institute.</p> <p><u>Latin.</u></p> |
| 24-31 | | | <p><u>Testimonials:</u></p> |

- 24 1855 March 8 TESTIMONIAL written by the Professor of Special Pathology, Anatomy and Physiology and Surgery at the Western College of Homoeopathic Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio recommending Dr. Henry Thomas to the confidence of homoeopaths as a gentleman of fine intellectual attainments, the strictest integrity and the most amiable deportment.
- 25 1855 March TESTIMONIAL written by the Professor of Obstetrics at the Western College of Homoeopathy, Cincinnati recommending Dr. Henry Thomas for his pleasing manner and ability 'which one day will reward its possessor with an abundance of honors and means'.
- 26 1857 March 4 TESTIMONIAL written by Henry Turner, 41 Piccadilly, Manchester recommending Dr. Henry Thomas as a very studious, intelligent and accomplished homoeopathic physician whose practice has been very successful.
- 27 1857 March 4 TESTIMONIAL written by Charles T. Pearce, M.D., Northampton recommending Dr. Henry Thomas of Crane Street, Chester who assisted him in his medical practice for 12 months. He found him to be diligent in his pursuits, assiduous in practice and with a high standard of morality.
- 28 1857 March 6 TESTIMONIAL written by John Hutton Hill, Ext. Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, 59 North End, Croydon recommending Dr. [Henry] Thomas as a fit and proper person to practice medicine and to receive a diploma.
- 29 1857 March 28 TESTIMONIAL written by John C. Smart M.D., Scarborough stating that the testimonials and certificates which have been handed to him represent the professional character of Dr. [Henry] Thomas as belonging to a high order. The names attached are well known to the medical profession and he does not hesitate to endorse them.

30 1857 June 19 TESTIMONIAL written by Charles B. Tayler, M.A., Rector of Otley, Suffolk (late of St. Peters, Chester) certifying to the worth and moral excellence of Dr. Henry Thomas.

30(A) [1857] TESTIMONIAL written by Charles T. Pearce., M.D., M.R.C.S., certifying that Mr. Henry Thomas assisted him in the Northampton Dispensary during 1855-1856 and was diligent in his attendances. The number of patients in attendance including those visited by Mr. Thomas at their own homes averaged two hundred per week.

31 [1857] TESTIMONIALS: Various testimonials written by M.D.'s in America and England regarding the character and professional skill of Dr. Henry Thomas.

Printed.

32-155 Correspondence:

32 1853 July LETTER: Thomas Thomas, Bendigo, Victoria, Australia to [his brother] Harry [viz Dr. Henry Thomas] complaining that he has not received a letter from the family for 6 months. He gives an account of his fortunes digging for gold and explains the procedure used in surface washing for gold. He is not so greedy for gold as he once was, but enjoys the life of the gold digger. Harry Martin who was working the next hole, has gone to take a situation in town and left him his 'traps' including clothes and a straw bed - a great luxury.

(See XM/7185/159 for an article discussing this letter).

- 33 1854 Nov.8 LETTER: Mr. H. Turner, Manchester, to Mr. Thomas [possibly father or brother of Dr. Henry Thomas] expressing his regret on hearing that Dr. Thomas might settle in Melbourne rather than stay in England on obtaining his diploma. Mr. Turner points out that there are many opportunities for a good Homoeopathic practitioner in the Manchester area and Nottingham. Mr. Turner concludes by asking Mr. Thomas to pass on his observations to Dr. Thomas and expresses the hope that Dr. Thomas will remain and practice in England.
- 34 1855 March 13 LETTER: Mr. H. Turner, Manchester to [Mr. Thomas, possibly father or brother of Dr. Henry Thomas] expressing his pleasure on hearing of Dr. Thomas's success, and stating that there is a glorious chance for Dr. Thomas with Dr. Pearce of Northampton who has a splendid practice and is urgently in need of an assistant. He concludes by stating that he has mentioned Dr. Thomas to Dr. Pearce in a letter he wrote to him the previous night.
- 35 [18]55 April 23 LETTER: Dr. J. Forsyth Patrick, 15 Chatham Street, Manchester, to Dr. Thomas, congratulating him on obtaining his diploma and informing him that the professional homeopaths of Manchester have prepared and signed a memorial to the Senators of the Philadelphia College regarding one William Smith, a paper hanger by trade, who had formally been employed as a dispenser at the Manchester Homeopathic Hospital. Having been dismissed from this post he was latterly practising homoeopathy illegally in Oldham, making a public announcement that he had obtained his diploma from the Philadelphia College. The memorial signed by Dr. Walker, Dr. Harrison, Dr. McDowell, Dr. Patrick, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Browne asked the Senators of Philadelphia College to supply proof of William Smith's claims and to consider recalling Smith's diploma. Dr. Patrick concludes by asking Dr. Thomas to send any information he might think relevant to Philadelphia and to let Dr. Patrick know what his intentions concerning this matter would be.

- 45 1857 March 30 DRAFT LETTER: [Dr] Henry Thomas, Chester to [Dr. John C. Smart] thanking him for the certificate. He has not yet tried to obtain the Diploma of the Royal College of Surgeons, and explains why he moved in the matter of the Archbishop's Diploma. He defends the strictness of the American system of examining students with reference to the colleges at which he studied, namely the Homoeopathic College of Pennsylvania and the Cleveland Homoeopathic College.
- 46 18[57] May [3] COPY LETTER: Written in shorthand.
- 47 1857 June 7 LETTER: S. Eadon, 229 Lincoln Terrace, Shelford Road, Manchester to Dr. [Henry] Thomas with his comments on the present Medical Bill and how it discriminates against Homoeopathic doctors. He asks for Dr. Thomas's observations.
- 48 1857 June 20 LETTER: ?W. Jones, Westminster Buildings, Newgate Street, Chester to Felix Knyvett asking for his assistance in obtaining the Archbishop [of Canterbury]'s degree for Dr. Henry Thomas. Should the Bill at present before Parliament become law, Dr. Thomas may be deprived of the power of practising in the United Kingdom unless he can obtain an English or Scottish degree.
- 49 [1857] LETTER: J.B. [Sumner], [Archbishop] of Canterbury, Lambeth to [J. Rigby, Neston, co. Cheshire] with regard to the conferring of a medical degree. He is unwilling to involve himself in a responsibility which ought to rest with those better qualified to undertake it.
- COVERING LETTER (22 June [1857]): J. Rigby, Neston, [co. Cheshire] to [Dr] Henry [Thomas]. He is sorry that the Archbishop cannot see his way to exercising the privilege which the law gives him.

- 56 [1857] August 5 LETTER: [Dr] T. Drysdale, Liverpool to [Dr. Thomas] stating that he is glad that Dr. Thomas is working for the *Materia Medica* and notes that the *Materia Medica* does not confine itself to either old or new medicines but contains as much as possible of the more elaborate and complete treatises on medicine to try and keep up to date with the knowledge of the day. He advises that in the case of some completely new medicine that has not quite been thoroughly proven that the best course of action is to publish what is known in the 'B' Journal and after a time work it up with any additional observations by himself or another. He concludes by wishing Dr. Thomas well and mentions that as regards the dispensing he knows of no hint that the present house surgeon wishes to leave and therefore there is not a vacancy otherwise his friend would have been welcome.
- 57 1857 Oct.5 LETTER: J. Ryan 60 Welbeck Street, Cavendish Square, London, to Dr. Thomas informing him that he has succeeded Dr. ?Banner as the editor of the monthly Homoeopathic Review and hopes that Dr. Thomas will send him an occasional paper or report of cases and do him a service by having the reports of any dispensary he might be connected with sent to him by the 15th of each month.
- 58 1857 Oct.9 LETTER: J. Ryan 60 Welbeck Street, Cavendish Square, London to Dr. Thomas advising him that he had ordered that his brother's name be added to the list. He also asks Dr. Thomas to send him the American Journal, and states how glad he is to have his co-operation.

- 59 1857 Oct.16 LETTER: J. MacRobin [Professor of
Medicine, Aberdeen] to [Dr. Thomas]
noting that their regulations are that
you give attendance at the classes for
between 3 and 4 months during the winter
session which commences on the 2
November. You might manage to get away
from the classes for a month or 6 weeks
at Xmas but an attendance to some extent
is imperative in all cases.
(see /116)
- 60 1857 Nov.[?23] LETTER: Henry Turner, Manchester to Dr.
Thomas in which Mr. Turner informs Dr.
Thomas that he has received the first
instalment of their ?Guernsey for the
binder. He asks Dr. Thomas how many
copies he would like for his friends.
He has forwarded copies to Doctors
Dudgeon, Pearce. Ryan, Ransford and
Scriven. Mr. Turner concludes by saying
that as soon as sales justify he will be
happy to make him a little present for
his kindness in editing the work.
- 61 1857 Dec.15 LETTER: Mr. H.Turner, Manchester to [Dr.
Thomas] regarding his selection of four
additional remedies for inclusion in a
medical book. Also discusses the
presentation of the Materia Medica.
- 62 1858 [COPY] LETTER: Written in shorthand.
- 63 1858 Feb.19 LETTER: [Dr.] J. Drysdale, Liverpool to
[Dr. Thomas] thanking him for his letter
and enclosure and stating that Dr. Thomas
has great credit in bringing through so
well that serious case. He asks whether
he is going to give it as a paper for the
next edition of the journal and whether
he is undertaking the arrangement of
sulphur for the Materia Medica.

64 1858 March 20 LETTER: J. Brainerd, Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A. to Dr. Thomas stating that in order to avoid any unworthy conferment of degrees in the future the college will submit every case for his judgement and enclosing three diplomas and evidences for him to examine and decide as to the fitness of these evidences for the diplomas to be awarded. Also asking him to collect the fees due taking out enough to cover his own expenses. Circulars are enclosed. He comments on the financial situation regarding the college up to the present time.

65 1858 July 15 LETTER: Henry Turner, Homoeopathic Chemist, Piccadilly, Manchester to [Dr. Thomas] stating that he has been away and that since his return has been worse than before he went, but that at time of writing is feeling better. With regard to the book on Children's diseases he gives what he believes are the best specifications regarding its size. He offers ten pounds as payment for receiving the full right and ownership of the book or five pounds for this and for every subsequent edition of one thousand. He then asks [Dr. Thomas] to say which he will accept as soon as possible as he wishes to make his fortune quickly. He encloses five pounds for [Dr. Thomas's] trouble with the second edition. He also sends him a copy of Tester with a lot of matter cut out; but there are good things left for him to select. He advises him not to follow Tester too closely as he (Mr. Turner) rather distrusts him in some points. He concludes by saying he would like to visit the ?Rossetts with him and "Owd Price" a worthy fellow notwithstanding all his eccentricities and that if [Dr. Thomas] would like a copy of Williamson to 'cut up' he will send him one.

- 65(A) [1858] July 16 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT between Dr. Henry Thomas and Henry Turner of Manchester whereby Dr. Henry Thomas agrees to compile a book on the Homoeopathic treatment of all common diseases of children. The book is to be printed and published under the direction of Mr. Turner and all copyright to be the property of Mr. Turner subject to the payment by Mr. Turner of £5 for every edition of one thousand copies or any longer or smaller number.
- 66 1858 August 23 CIRCULAR LETTER: R. Phillips Jones M.D., Chester, Chairman of Preliminary Committee held at the Chester Infirmary to [Dr. Thomas] being an invitation to attend a meeting of Medical Practitioners of the Southern Division of Cheshire on Monday August 30, 1858 for the purpose of deliberating upon the desirableness of endeavouring to aid the registration forthcoming under the new Medical Act, by acquainting the registrar with the names of persons in their district who may be practising medicine without any qualification.
- 67 1858 Aug.31 CIRCULAR LETTER: R. Phillips Jones, M.D., Chester Chairman of a meeting of medical practitioners of South Cheshire, to [Dr. Thomas] informing him that the medical practitioners of South Cheshire have formed themselves into a society called "The Society to assist Registration under the new Medical Act" and giving details of the constitution, aims of and subscription to the society and concluding by hoping that all this meets with his approval and that if he wishes to become a member to please contact the secretary at the Chester Infirmary.
- 68 1858 Sept.24 LETTER: Mr. John Roche, 79 Canning Street, to [Dr. Thomas] informing him of his being unable to leave on day of writing or the following day. He suggests alternative days when if suitable he will come with pleasure. He also reminds [Dr. Thomas] not to forget his promise to lodge with him at the next meeting of their society if [Dr. Thomas] is able to attend.

- 69 1858 Oct.29 LETTER: W. Williamson of Philadelphia to Dr. Thomas asking him to let him know the result of his appearance before the Council under the new Medical Act. Mr. Williamson also says that a Dr. Edward Cronin of Claremont Terrace, London had applied for "our diploma to test the matter the council" but that he referred to Dr. Thomas for information. He concludes by adding that the college is getting along prosperously.
- 70 1858 Dec.2 LETTER: Edward Waters Nicholas Street, [Chester] to Dr. Thomas informing him that he had not stated or even insinuated that Dr. Thomas possessed a forged diploma but had merely said that there were such persons practising with such degrees. He also states that no two papers had given the same reported account of the meeting at Liverpool and therefore he was not prepared to endorse the correctness of that given in the [Chester] Courant. He goes on to state that he believes Homoeopathy to be the most pernicious delusion ever engrafted on medicine, but even so maintained that the Medical Registration Society had only one aim, viz., to ensure correct registration in accordance with the new Medical Act and that all persons including even Homoeopaths who might be entitled to register had a prima facie right to be members of the association. He concludes by saying that Dr. Thomas may make any use of this communication that he thinks proper.
- 71 1858 Dec.2 LETTER: Alexander Hartman, Norwich, to [Dr. Thomas] in which Mr. Hartman states that he has received his little book which he hopes will have a good many more editions and informs him that Mr. Rush's address is Eye, Suffolk. He continues that he is glad that [Dr. Thomas] is going on well in Chester considering he has been scarcely a year there, and that he has not any grey hairs which he considers necessary for a good practice. He concludes by stating that he himself finds some new ones every morning and takes good care to show them off, and advises [Dr. Thomas] to do the same stating that it is infallible.

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LETTER: J.M. Davison on headed notepaper of Francis Warr Homeopathic Chemist, 90 Upper Street, Islington (Between the Green and Theberton Street N.) to Dr. Thomas, informing him that he had presented £2 which could not be accepted, the council having first to decide, and that he had not presented the certificate because he thought that they had enough proof without it, but in case it may be wanted he suggests retaining it. He advises Dr. Thomas to write to the registrar and ask him what he is to do in the event of having to appear at the court. He also states that the County Court case could not come off the court being so pressed with other cases. The defendant also objected to the jury and swore he had no due notice that a jury would be empanelled. So it is to be the 17th.

73 1859

CIRCULAR LETTER; J.C. Roope, Clerk, 32 Soho Square, London W. to [Dr. Henry Thomas] informing him that enclosed is a form to be filled up for registration and to acquaint him that on receipt of £2 in cash, or by Post Office Order or Draft on a London Bank, payable to Francis Hawkins M.D. his name would be duly entered on the register, according to the qualifications stated in Schedule A.

Printed.

- 74 [18]59 Jan.1 LETTER: R.E. Dudgeon, 82 Gloucester Place, [Portman Square] to [Dr. Thomas] stating that he is at a loss as to how to advise [Dr. Thomas] in regard to his registration. If he has no other diploma than that of the Pennsylvania College, there may be a difficulty; yet if the council acknowledge the Homoeopathic College of Pennsylvania as a college they would appear bound to register him as a regular physician.
- 75 1859 Jan.3 COPY LETTER: Henry Thomas, 10 White Friars, Chester, to Dr. Francis Hawkins, Medical Registrar for England, 18 Bolton Street, Piccadilly, London, in which Mr. Thomas writes that he has sent by a friend his letters, testimonial and diploma, with a request for registration as a graduate of a college in Philadelphia, but has been informed that the council have postponed the examination of foreign degrees obtained after regular examination until an indefinite period. This he considers very unsatisfactory and not according to the Act of Parliament 21 and 22 Vic. Chap. 90 which provides that registration should have commenced before October 1 1858. Mr. Thomas concludes by requesting more definite and decisive information.
- 76 [18]59 Jan.28 LETTER: J.M. D[avison] to Dr. Thomas informing him that the enclosed had been obtained from the office and that the clerk had informed him that the diploma is not required, but he would advise Dr. Thomas to forward to the registrar proof of his having practised before October last.

77 1859 Jan.29 MEDICAL REGISTRATION FORM completed by Dr. Henry Thomas, 10 White Friars, Chester requesting his registration as a medical practitioner.

Printed:

Endorsed:

LETTER (1 Feb. 1859): J.M.Davison to Dr. Thomas stating that he had presented this form with £2.11.0d but it could not be accepted by the Medical Council. Dr. Thomas must send his diploma or copy of it to the Medical Council. Mr. Davison concludes by stating that he does not think that Dr. Thomas need have any fears as according to the Act they are bound to register him.

78 1859 Feb.9 LETTER: Robert Bell for the Registrar, Medical Registration Office, 32 Soho Square, London W. to Henry Thomas advising him that the Registrar desires the sending of proof that he obtained his diploma by examination.

79 1859 March 9 COPY LETTER: Henry Thomas, 10 White Friars, Chester, to the Medical Registrar, London, in which Mr. Thomas states that in a short time he expects to be called as a witness in the assize court and that it might be necessary for him to prove that he was eligible to be placed on the register as a medical practitioner and that the Medical Registrar had and had so for one month in their keeping his diploma and tickets which prove that his diploma was obtained after regular examination. He can supply a certificate signed by the President and Clerk of the college stating he had obtained the diploma by examination. Mr. Thomas wishes to know if having thus far complied with the requirements of the Medical Act he can depend upon them for a certificate in case of necessity in an assize court. He concludes by stating that some month or two ago he wrote respecting registration but has not received the slightest intimation that they received his letter and that neither has the letter sent to them been received by him from the "Dead Letter Office".

- 80 1859 March 10 LETTER: F. Hawkins, Medical Registration Office, 32, Soho Square, London, W. to Dr. Thomas in which Mr. Hawkins states he is sorry but that Dr. Thomas's letter appears to have been lost, and continues that he trusts there is no fear of his diploma being registered, but that he can give no certificate until the Council has decided as by the Medical Act the decision in these cases rests wholly with the Council, and further states that an Amendment Act has passed the House of Commons and, will, in a few days he hopes pass the Lords, which will postpone the operation of the disqualifying clauses of the Medical Act July 1, 1859.
- 81 1859 March 23 LETTER: W.H. Porter,. Medical Registration office, 32 Soho Square, London, W. to [Dr. Thomas] informing him that the Registrar acknowledges receipt of his registration fee but that the Council can come to no decision respecting foreign diplomas until they have returns from the universities that granted them.
- 82 1859 June 22 LETTER: G. ?Atkinson 34 Prospect Street, Hull to Dr. Thomas stating that Mrs. Welch has not yet made her appearance, and thanking him for his recommendation. He says he will pay her his best attention and write Dr. Thomas fully respecting her when he sends her back to him. He also asks Dr. Thomas to give him a paper for his journal which it would be his great pleasure to receive from him.
- 83 18[59] July 17 LETTER: J. Epps, 89 Great Russell Street, to Dr. Thomas, in which Mr. Epps states that he is glad that Dr. Thomas is fighting onward, and that it is to be regretted that he should be opposed by a fellow Homoeopathist and that it might be reasonable if he had any valid objection against him or mode of Homoeopathic practice but the mere fact of possessing a foreign degree should not have the effect it seems to have had; also if the Cleveland College is a legally corporate body he does not see the base of the objection, however he maintains it would be desirable for Dr. Thomas to obtain a

British degree. He concludes by stating that if his brother will send the advertisement he wishes to exchange to the publisher, he will see if they have any to exchange of the same length.

- 84 [18]59 July 19 DRAFT LETTER: Henry Thomas, 10 White Friars, Chester, to the [Medical Registration Office] in which Henry Thomas expresses his surprise at not finding his name included in the list just published of medical practitioners. He informs them that he is sending them a certificate proving he obtained his diploma after examination and trusts that by sending this proof they will register him at once. Henry Thomas concludes by saying that he cannot help expressing his conviction that he has been hardly and illegally treated and trusts to prompt registration as a means of putting away the contempt cast upon him by the suppression of his name in the registration list just published.
- 85 1859 July 26 LETTER: W.H. Porter, Medical Registration Office, 32 Soho Square, London, W. to H. Thomas, esq., M.D. Chester, stating that in reply to his letter of the 19 regarding his name not appearing in the Medical Register just published, the Registrar informs him that no reply has yet been received to his enquiries from the Homeopathic College of Medicine Pennsylvania, although three months have elapsed since they were made and until a reply is received the Council can come to no decision on the matter.

86 1859 Sept.7 LETTER: Mr. William Sharp, Rugby, to [Dr. Thomas] in which Mr. Sharp thanks [Dr. Thomas] for the details of his position and having talked it over with Dr. Sutherland they are agreed he has very good ground to stand on and that he should endeavour to gain complete success. They advise him to make out a clear statement of his case in the form of a brief and present it to both the Medical Council and a barrister for an opinion as to the legal technicalities, and if these are favourable to intimate to the Council respectfully that if they refuse to register him then he will have his claim tried in the proper quarter. Also that he should place the full statement before the Homoeopathic body which they believe will support [Dr. Thomas] in the expense which such a trial in one of the superior courts would entail.

87 1859 Sept.17 LETTER: A.R. ?Shaw, Upper Clapton, to [Dr.] Thomas stating that the registrar had returned his diploma without any remarks. He had also called at the office and tendered two guineas and showing the envelope with M.D. at the end of his name. The clerk said he had no authority to register him and told him that a diploma from the same college had been refused and that if they refused one he supposed they would refuse all. He was advised to sit a legal qualification to avoid trouble. Consulted solicitor who advises getting a mandamus from the Queens Bench, compelling them to show cause why they refused to register. Concludes by stating he is very much worried and does not know what to do for the best.

88 [18]59 Sept.23 LETTER: [?] 1A Brooksby Street, Islington, to Dr. Thomas congratulating him on increasing his family and giving details regarding the treatment of a patient, a Miss [Burden?] suffering from Typhoid Fever for five days.

Incomplete

- 89 [18]59 Sept.24 COPY LETTER: Henry Thomas, 12 White Friars, Chester to [Medical Registration Office] in which Dr.Thomas states that he has this day received a letter from America stating that an answer to their letter to the Homoeopathic College of Medicine Pennsylvania had been sent to them. Dr. Thomas respectfully claims that having sent them all the proof they require he should be at once entered upon the Medical Register according to the clause 15 and paragraph 11 of schedule A.
- 90 1859 Sept.27 LETTER: W.H. Porter, Medical Registration Office, 32 Soho Square, London, W. to H. Thomas, esq., M.D., Chester, stating that his letter and certificate will be submitted to the Branch Medical Council at their next meeting; also states that the letter which was received from the Homoeopathic College of Pennsylvania gave no satisfactory account of his examination.
- 91 1859 Sept.28 COPY LETTER: Henry Thomas, 10 White Friars, Chester, to Dr. Hawkins, London, in which Dr. Thomas expresses his surprise that they should write that the letter that was received from the Homoeopathic College of Pennsylvania gave no satisfactory account of his examination, and that he intends writing to them at once for an explanation. Mr. Thomas reminds the Branch Medical Council that they have had proof not admitting of any doubt that he had studied at the college, fulfilled all of the requirements of the same, was admitted to examination and only after passing the same in a creditable manner had the degree conferred upon him. He trusts they will do him the justice of placing his name on the Medical Register without further delay.

- 92 1859 Oct.7 LETTER: [Lord] Ebury, Chantilly, Oise [France] to Henry Thomas esq stating that his interference in his case could only make things worse and that it might be worthwhile to see whether a subscription could be raised to try the case and advising him to put out feelers in the Homoeopathic press; also he sees no reason why [Dr. Thomas] should lose a single patient.
- 93 [18]59 Oct.10 LETTER: R.E. Dudgeon, 82 Gloucester Place, Portman Square to [Dr. Thomas] stating that Lord Ebury had sent [Dr. Thomas's] letter to him for perusal and stating also that it is evident that Lord Ebury would not interfere in the matter. He notes the Council's reason for not registering him was that the certificate of examination was not "to the satisfaction of the Council" and notes that it is doubtful that this would stand in a court of law and that there was no doubt that he could compel them to register him. However [Dr. Thomas] would probably be unwilling to undertake the expense of this course of action and suggests he contacts the Association for the Protection of Homoeopathic Students and Practitioners as they have already done good work although it had been dormant since 1853 through lack of anything for it to do.
- 94 1859 Oct.14 COPY LETTER: Henry Thomas, 10 White Friars, Chester, to F. Hawkins, esq., M.D., London. Dr. Thomas once more requests to be registered and states that he feels he has been unjustly dealt with and that if his claim for registration be refused by the council he will consider it to be his duty to seek redress in the proper quarter.

- 95 1859 Oct.25 LETTER: W.H. Porter, Medical Registration Office, 32 Soho Square, London, W. to Henry Thomas, esq., M.D., stating that he has been directed by the registrar of the Medical Council to inform him that the Branch Council for England at their meeting on October 19 resolved that no sufficient reason had been shown for ordering his registration as Doctor of Medicine of the Homeopathic College of Pennsylvania.
- 96 1859 Oct.27 LETTER: Charles J. Hempel M.D., corresponding secretary to the Board of Trustees of Hom. Med. College of Pennsylvania, to Henry Thomas M.D. in which Dr. Hempell states he is amazed at the boldness of the Registrar in asserting that he has not furnished satisfactory evidence of his claims to a diploma of M.D. All questions on the schedule forwarded to the American government by the British government had been answered in strict accordance with the manner prescribed by the registrar. These documents were returned to the state department for transmission to England. A certificate signed by Judge Parsons, the executive president and countersigned by the Recording Secretary of the executive board was likewise transmitted stating in the most explicit language that Dr. Thomas had received his diploma having passed every examination required in all branches required by their laws. Dr. Hempel believes the idea appeared to be to exclude Dr. Thomas from the benefit and privileges of the Medical Act. He concludes by saying that if Dr. Thomas required any further testimony to prove his right to registration he need only inform him and such will be sent by return of mail.

- 97 [18]59 Oct.28 COPY LETTER: Henry Thomas, 10 White Friars, Chester, to F. Hawkins, esq., M.D., Medical Registrar, London. Mr. Thomas states he acknowledges receipt of the Post Office order but does so protesting against the decision of the 'Branch Medical Council'. He also states that he intends to continue his request to be registered as a medical practitioner under the Medical Act 21 and 22 Vict. Chap.90 by virtue of the qualification received by him.
- 98 1859 Nov.14 LETTER: A. R. ?Shaw ?Massin House, Upper Clapton, to Dr. Thomas in which he states he is not at all down hearted, but he is taking all means to have everything in order in case he is troubled by the Registration Association. He is not at all surprised that he was not accepted by the registration office as Dr. Hawkins had told him that the Council did not intend to register any Homoeopathic diplomas and that he believes he will not get the support that he ought from the Homoeopathic Association. He thinks that the Registration Association will come down on them if they have occasion to sign any certificates.
- 99 1859 Nov.15 LETTER: R.E. Dudgeon, 82 Gloucester Place [Portman Square] to [Dr. Thomas] in which he states that in his opinion [Dr. Thomas's] case is evidently right and he cannot understand the attitude of the Council. The best and only way to prove to the Council that he should be registered is to prove he was in practice before Oct. 1858 by sending certificates from his patients or from his colleagues showing that they knew him to be practising as a physician then. He advises him to do this right away for as long as he neglects to comply with any formality the Council will feel justified in opposing him and his rights.
- 100 1859 Nov.15 CERTIFICATE: ?E. Glastenbury, Glan Aber, Chester, certifying that Dr. Thomas practised as a physician by the year ?1856.

- 101 1859 Nov.16 CERTIFICATE: Charles Williams, The High Cross, Chester, certifying that Dr. Henry Thomas attended himself and his family as Physician during the year 1857.
- 102 1859 Nov.16 CERTIFICATE: Edward Minshull certifying that Dr. Thomas attended him and his family in his capacity as physician in the year 1857.
- 103 1859 Nov.17 CERTIFICATE: Thomas Dixon, Littleton near Chester, Magistrate for the City and County of Chester, certifying that Doctor Henry Thomas attended him in his professional capacity as a physician during the year 1857.
- 104 [18]59 Nov.17 COPY LETTER: Henry Thomas, 10 White Friars, Chester, to Dr. Hawkins, London, informing him that with this letter he will receive certificates proving he was in practice as a physician in England prior to the passing of the Medical Act, also he has sent by this post £2 as registration fee and now requests to be registered as a medical practitioner by virtue of his qualification as a Doctor of Medicine of the Homoeopathic Medical College of Pennsylvania.
- 105 1859 Nov.18 CERTIFICATE: Caroline Williams, High Street, Woolton near Liverpool, to [Dr. Henry thomas] certifying that Dr. Henry Thomas attended her in his professional capacity as a physician during the year 1857 whilst on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Dixon of Littleton near Chester.
- 106 1859 Nov.19 LETTER: Francis Hawkins, Medical Registration Office, 32 Soho Square, London, W. to Henry Thomas, esq., informing him that he cannot enter his name in the medical register because the Medical Council are not satisfied by the returns from America that he was regularly examined before he obtained the degree of M.D. He therefore returns the enclosed Post Office order.

- 107 [18]59 Nov.20 COPY LETTER: Henry Thomas, 10 White Friars, Chester to F. Hawkins, esq., M.D., London, asking him to keep the Post Office Order until he sees a letter received by Dr. Thomas from the Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Homeopathic Medical College of Pennsylvania along with certificates showing he had practised in England as a physician prior to the passing of the Medical Act. He thought it probable that the Council had refused his registration on the grounds of his not having sent such proof of his practising prior to the Medical Act. He cannot understand why the Medical Council refuse to be satisfied with such satisfactory testimony as had been produced before them with respect to his having obtained his degree after regular examination.
- 108 [18]59 Nov.23 LETTER: R.E. Dudgeon, 82 Gloucester Place, to [Dr. Thomas] explaining that he had spoken to Dr. Hawkins and had tried to learn from him why the Council were not satisfied that [Dr. Thomas] was not regularly examined, but was unable to get anything out of him. He also in the course of the letter advises [Dr. Thomas] to get the opinion of Counsel in case he should find himself in trouble for calling himself Doctor.
- 109 [1859] Nov.28 LETTER: J. Drysdale, Liverpool, to Dr. Thomas, wherein Mr. Drysdale, states that the only course for Dr. Thomas to follow is to snap his fingers at the registration law and practice under his foreign degree. There is in this case no stigma attached to it as the non-recognition arises plainly from prejudice and not from fraud and incompetency. He thinks his best plan would be to ascertain from his lawyer the exact form of words he can use without breaking the law to convey the fact that he is a physician by examination with a foreign diploma not recognised from prejudice, in this way he should be alright for the rest of his life. It would be no disability except in applying for a public situation which he is not likely to do.

- 110 1859 Nov.30 LETTER: Thomas Roberts, Chester to Dr. Thomas, White Friars, stating he is sending for his perusal the case which he has prepared and although he thinks he may have set out the correspondence rather too fully he thinks it better to err on the side of stating too much than to omit anything that may be of consequence. He also asks that when Dr. Thomas returns the case he would be glad to have the diploma as he thinks a copy should accompany the case.
- 111 1859 Dec.12 LETTER: Charles J. Hemple, Homoeopathic College, Philadelphia to Dr.[Thomas] enclosing a letter to his registrar. He is unacquainted with the gentleman's name or address and therefore was compelled to send it to him so that he may fill in the blank and enclose the letter to his address. Also Dr.[Thomas] is to inform him if there is anything else to be done.
- 112 [18]59 Dec.15 LETTER: [?Mr. J. Benthly] Philadelphia to Henry Thomas M.D. informing Dr. Thomas that papers prepared for him have been forwarded to London by the Department in Washington and will meet every objection that could be raised against his interests and trusts that once all is satisfactorily adjusted he will not meet with any more obstacles.
- 113 1859 Dec.19 LETTER: Thomas Roberts, Chester to Dr. Thomas, White Friars, stating that they have received the opinion of Mr. Atherton, Solicitor General, and regrets that he does not take a more favourable opinion of his chance of compelling the Council to register his name but that it would be little use taking further proceedings until he receives further communication from America.
- 114 [18]59 Dec.28 COPY LETTER: Henry Thomas, 10 White Friars, Chester, to F. Hawkins, esq., M.D., Medical Registrar, London, enclosing a letter from Dr. Hemple of [Pennsylvania]
(See /111)

- 115 1859 Dec.29 LETTER: Francis Hawkins, Registrar, Medical Registration Office, 32, Soho Square, London, W. to Henry Thomas, esq., informing him that Mr. Hawkins had received the letter from Dr. Hemple forwarded by Mr. Thomas and that he would lay it before the Medical Council.
- 116 [1850s] COPY LETTER: Henry Thomas to Dr. Macrobin, in which Mr. Thomas enquires as to the terms on which a diploma in medicine would be granted to him. He wishes to have a British diploma as well as his American diploma but cannot afford to leave and possibly lose his practice to attend lectures. Mr. Thomas gives details of his medical situation and practice.
(See /59)
- 117 [1850s] LETTER: TESTIMONIAL: Mr. J. Drysdale, M.D., Rodney Street, Liverpool, stating he has known Dr. Henry Thomas for about four years as a most zealous student and practitioner of medicine and that for the past two years he has practised Homoeopathy with an American degree and is now anxious to obtain a British one. Dr. Drysdale states also that as Dr. Thomas has gone through the whole curriculum of Medical study and is now a successful and zealous practitioner of Homoeopathy he thinks he is a person fully deserving of the Canterbury degree and would do credit to it.
(See /51)
- 118 [1850s] LETTER: A. Stokes, to [Dr. Thomas] telling of his anticipation of the coming of a second edition of his "Additions" he suggests a notice of *Hypericum Perforatum* quoted in the 20th edition of *Smiths Compendium* as one of the 11 varieties of N.O. *Hypericineae* noting that a proving of it is recorded in the Homoeopathic Times of 1853 January 1 and 8 by himself and his eldest sister. Although Dr. Thomas stated that the medicine so called in *Hempels* is not the same the peculiar symptoms produced by it are corroborated by his experiments.

- 119 [1850s] March 8 LETTER: Edmund Fry, London, to [Dr. Thomas] concerning the publishing of a portrait of a mutual friend E. Barritt. Mr. Fry points out that the portrait is the copyright of the People's Journal and suggests getting permission to publish from the proprietor, Mr. Willoughby, West Smithfield, London.
- 120 [?1850s] Oct.16 LETTER: Mr. John ?Baker/Barnes Guernsey to Dr. Thomas. He assumes that Dr. Thomas is aware that he is no longer the editor of the Review but continues to take an interest in it. He hopes Dr. Thomas will send details of his cases to Dr. Dudgeon. He concludes by giving his thanks for Dr. Thomas's several and excellent contributions to the Review while he was its editor.
- 121 1860 Jan.4 LETTER: Francis Hawkins, Registrar, Medical Registration Office, 32 Soho Square, London, W. to Henry Thomas esq., stating that he is sorry to inform him that the Branch Medical Council for England were of the opinion that sufficient reason had not been shown for ordering the registration of his diploma of M.D. of the Homoeopathic College of Pennsylvania and therefore returns his testimonials. He has received the letter from Dr. Hempel but that a formal return to the enquiry respecting his degree had previously been received from the college at Philadelphia and submitted to the Branch Council.
- 122 1860 Jan.9 OPINION OF COUNSEL: Robert Lush, Temple, giving his legal opinion regarding Dr. Thomas's attempts at registration under the Medical Act. He is of the opinion that a jury would find in favour of Dr. Thomas, and advises him to serve a written demand on each member of the Branch Council for England and on the registrar, stating that if the demand is not complied with or a satisfactory reason for non-compliance is not given within a specified period (of reasonable length to enable them to meet and discuss the matter) proceedings would be taken against them individually or

collectively, or both as Dr. Thomas should be advised. The £2 should be again tendered to the Registrar and if they still refuse, he advises an applicaton for a Mandamus.

- 123 1860 Jan.11 LETTER: Thomas Roberts, Chester, to Dr. Thomas stating they had received a copy of Mr. Lush's opinion from Mr. Philpot that morning and he has retained the original lest he should be in town still.
- 124 [18]60 Jan.14 LETTER:R.E. Dudgeon, 82 Gloucester Place, to [Dr. Thomas] advising [Dr. Thomas] that he does not think that the time has yet arrived for the Association to move in his case and states that Mr. Lush advises that besides tendering his registration free again he should serve a written demand on each member of the Branch Council for England and also on the Registrar. If all that fails he would be prepared to call on his committee to assist him in further legal proceedings.
- 125 1860 Jan.16 LETTER: Thomas Roberts, Chester, to Dr. Thomas, White Friars, stating that he has received Dr. Thomas's note and enclosure and will proceed to prepare the notices at once. He also asks for the case with the opinion of Mr. Atherton on it if he has it, so that he may read it as instructions for the justice. If he does not receive it within the coming few days he will assume that Mr. Philpot has it.
- 126 1860 Jan.25 LETTER: Thomas Roberts, Parthenon Club, Regent Street, N. London, to Dr. Thomas, requesting him to call at his office the following day to sign the notices to the Branch Council. They will go down by post tonight. Mr. Bancroft will have them and will return them so that they may be served on Friday.

127 1860 April 16 LETTER: Thomas Roberts, Chester, to Dr. Thomas, White Friars, stating that he has with Mr. Philpot been trying to get the Council to give a decision in his case and that after several applications they have received a letter from Dr. Hawkins of which he sends a copy written on the other side of this letter, he concludes by saying they think they should wait the result of the meeting that Dr. Hawkins states will take place the following week.

Endorsed:

COPY LETTER (14 April 1860): Francis Hawkins, Medical Registration Office, 32 Soho Square, London W. stating that the Branch Medical Council has by various circumstances been prevented from meeting much longer than expected. It will however meet the week after next when there will be an opportunity of reconsidering Dr. Thomas's case more fully than has yet been possible.

128 1860 May 2 LETTER: Thomas Roberts, Chester, to Dr. Thomas, White Friars, Chester, sending Dr. Thomas a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Philpot from the Medical Registrar. Mr. Roberts states that in reserving the case for the opinion of the General Council he presumes they intend to exercise the powers conferred on the General Council by the Act of 1858, he also states that the question is whether Dr. Thomas will wait for the meeting of th General Council or proceed to try his right to be registered as a matter of title and not of favour.

Appended:

COPY LETTER (27 April 1860): Francis Hawkins, Registrar, Medical Registration Office, 37 Soho Square, London, W to Mr. John Philpot, informing him that the Branch Medical Council for England have considered the case of his client Dr. Thomas and find they have no authority or power to order the registration of his degree and therefore they have been compelled to reserve his case for consideration of the General Medical Council which will be meeting shortly.

- 129 [18]60 May 6 LETTER: R.E. Dudgeon, 82 Gloucester Place to [Dr. Thomas] stating that he thinks [Dr. Thomas] should await the decision of the General Council before proceeding any further especially as the letter from Dr. Hawkins did not contain a definite refusal. It would in his opinion be unwise of the Association to interfere at this stage.
- 130 [1860] May 12 LETTER: R.E. Dudgeon Gloucester Place to [Dr. Thomas] in which Mr. Dudgeon states that in his opinion it would be premature to take any kind of legal action until the Council had rejected his registration and that he thinks the Council must register him willy nilly and that at the present time his case is not ripe for calling before the Association but when it is he may send them the documents and he will call the committee.
- 131 1860 June 30 EXTRACT from the British Medical Journal No. 183: First Report of Special Registration Committee (held 21 June 1860) in which the committee report that there are five applications to be considered from persons having graduated at Homoeopathic Colleges in America, (including Henry Thomas) and that they find themselves in a considerable difficulty, as it seems that charters are granted with very great facility by the legislatures of some of the States of America. Council have to decide how far they are prepared to recognise the bodies so chartered. The report gives a transcript of the notice served on the council and registrar by Dr. Thomas. It was moved that Henry Thomas and three others be registered in strict accordance with the Medical Act by Mr. Syme and seconded by Dr. Alexander Wood, and an amendment moved by Dr. Corrigan and seconded by Dr. Apjohn that Dr. Thomas and three others be not registered. The further consideration of this subject was adjourned.

- 132 1860 Nov.19 COPY LETTER: Francis Hawkins, Medical Registration Office, 32 Soho Square, London, to J. Philpot in which Mr. Hawkins informs Mr. Philpot that the General Medical Council has taken the opinion of Counsel on the claim of Mr. Thomas and is advised that the examination in Homoeopathic Medicine which forms the ground of Mr. Thomas's claim is not a regular examination within the meaning of the Act.
- 133 [18]60 Dec.6 COPY LETTER: Henry Thomas, 10 White Friars, Chester to Dr. [?] Betws-y-Coed in which Mr. Thomas states that he was very much obliged at receiving the doctor's letter and that he has satisfied the Council that he had been examined on all the subjects embraced in his letter and sent them every testimonial necessary to prove he had attended lectures on all subjects. The only cause he can see remaining to him is the uncertain and expensive one of procedure in law about which he is not very certain as much depends on a technical difficulty.
- (Written on headed notepaper of Edward Thomas Homoeopathic Chemist, Caxton Buildings, Pepper Street, Chester).
- 134 1862 Nov.24 LETTER: Mr. J. Drysdale, Liverpool to Dr. Hayward, the Secretary of the Hahnemann Publication Society asking him whether any action has been taken on a resolution at the last meeting of the Society that the Materia Medica should be finished at once as a complete compilation of all the later additions to the Homoeopathic medicines and that Dr. Thomas should be requested to undertake the work. He makes suggestions for the completion of the work.

- 135 1864 May 17 LETTER: Revd. David McConnell, 65 Sankey Street, Warrington, to Dr. Thomas, stating that after leaving him he saw the Bishop but he would not bleed. He saw Turner in Manchester. He encloses the Revd. J.B. Johnstone's letter after examining the evidences of his case. He will see what his considered opinion was, and please return it. If Dr. Thomas were to open a subscription for "the relief of a brother practitioner from embarrassed circumstances" and head it with a guinea, he thinks the Bishop would do something himself. This would assist him while other means were being used to raise the money for legal proceedings. He asks him to help him with the subscription, to date it at his own house and send it to him when he will read it to the Bishop.
- 136 1867 April 22 LETTER: W.P. Brodribb, Secretary, Apothecaries Hall, London, E.C., to H. Thomas, Esq., informing him that the chairman of the Court of Examiners requests him to forward his certificates of having attended lectures and hospital practice as specified in his letter.
- 137 [?1860's] LETTER: Thomas Roberts, Northgate Street [Chester] to Dr. Thomas informing him that they have received the enclosed from their London agent as to his case and asking him if he would let them know whether he prefers waiting for Mr. Bovill's opinion or would wish the case laid before a Counsel whose time is not so fully occupied.
- 138 [18]71 March 25 COPY LETTER: [Dr.] Henry Thomas, 10 White Friars, Chester, to A.J. Mundella, M.P., House of Commons, requesting a personal interview to discuss the implication of the Medical Act Amendment Bill of which Mr. Mundella is one of the promoters. Should the Act become law, he would be disqualified from practising medicine in England.

Appended:

COPY LETTER (15 April [18]71): [Dr.] Henry Thomas to A. J. Mundella, M.P. enclosing a copy of his letter of 25 March as above.

Enclosed:

PAMPHLET (1867): Correspondence respecting the registration of Dr. Henry Thomas, Pepper Street. Chester: Edward Thomas, Printer, Pepper Street.

- 139 1871 April 18 LETTER; A.J. Mundella, M.P., The National Bank, 43 Old Broad Street, London, to [Dr.] Henry Thomas, advising him that he has received his communication regarding the [Medical Act Amendment] Bill, and has placed it in the hands of Mr. Lush M.P. who is in charge of the Bill.
- 140 [1871 April] COPY LETTER: [Dr.] Henry Thomas, to Dr. Lush, M.P. stating that he had received a note from Mr. Mundella [M.P.] advising him that he had passed [Dr.] Thomas's letter re the Bill to Amend the Medical Act on to him. [Dr.] Thomas asks for an early reply.
- 141 [1871 April 26] [LETTER: J.A. Lush, [M.P.] 123 Cambridge Street, London, to [Dr.] Henry Thomas wherein Mr. Lush regrets not having answered his letter stating that he had not seen it. He will do his best to allay any fears [Dr.] Thomas may have regarding the Bill that he has introduced to the House of Commons.

Appended:

Note by Henry Thomas that he had replied to letter and also mailed correspondence.

142 1871 May 2

LETTER: Mr. J.A. Lush, [M.P.], House of Commons to Dr. Henry Thomas, stating that he has read the pamphlet which accompanied Dr. Thomas's last note. Dr. Thomas has received scant justice from the General Medical Council. Mr. Lush further states that he thinks it is a pity that the advice given to Dr. Thomas by Sir Robert Lush could not have been 'inexpensively' followed enabling the validity of Dr. Thomas's claims to be ascertained. Mr. Lush also states that if the Bill he has introduced becomes law, he does not see how the new Medical Council created by it could redress any injuries caused by its predecessor. Mr. Lush suggests that when the Bill becomes law Dr. Thomas should renew his attempts and supplement what he has already done by official documents ensuring recognition of the status of the college in question. Mr. Lush ends by stating that he has no hopes for the Bill being passed during this session.

143 [18]71 May 22

COPY LETTER: [Dr] Henry Thomas, 10 White Friars, Chester to [Mr. J.A. Lush] in reply to letter received from Mr. Lush dated 2 [May] [18]71. In this letter of reply [Dr] Thomas states that the question raised by his request to be registered under the Act of 1858 did not depend on the fitness of the body from which he obtained his degree, but as to whether he had obtained his degree by regular examination. He explains that the documented evidence he has supplied should be enough to prove his eligibility for registration. But as they had not he would have to consider other ways to achieve his aim before the Bill or one similar might become law, and concludes with a request for a personal interview with [Mr. J.A. Lush].

144 1871 Aug.29 COPY LETTER: Dr. Henry Thomas, 10 White Friars, Chester, to Dr. Gibbs Blake, 24 [?Colmar] Road, Birmingham stating that according to the Homoeopathic Review there is to be a meeting at Oxford on the 27 September restricted to duly qualified members of the medical profession practising Homoeopathy in Great Britain and Ireland. The compilers of the Homoeopathic Directory refuse to publish his name as a qualified practitioner because his name does not appear on the Medical Register. Dr. Thomas requires to know whether he has any right to be present at the meeting.

Enclosed:

NEWSPAPER CUTTING of a public apology (dated 12 Aug. 1871) by Dr. J.D. Blake for signing an insane certificate while not having the legal right to do so.

145 1871 Sept.11 LETTER: J. Gibbs Blake, 23 Harbourne Road, Edgbaston to Dr. Thomas in reply to Dr. Thomas's letter regarding a meeting of duly qualified members of the medical profession who practice Homoeopathy. [Dr.] Blake apologises for delay and states that he has difficulty in replying to Dr. Thomas's letter. However he has consulted his colleagues and although they cannot officially invite him to come they can privately assure him that the congress is not called in any exclusive spirit and that registration is not required and concludes by noting that a gentleman with American Homoeopathic qualifications was present last year.

146 [1871 Sept.] COPY LETTER: Henry Thomas to Dr. Gibbs Blake, in which Dr. Thomas states he is much obliged to Dr. Blake for his note of reply to his letter, and that he has been trying hard to reconcile his statements that the congress is called in no exclusive spirit and that registration is not required and yet they cannot officially invite him to come. Dr. Thomas has reached the conclusion that it would be best for him to keep away from the congress.

- 147 1874 Feb.13 LETTER: Mr. F.S. Pryse, West Grove, Brooklands, Manchester, to Messrs. Geo. Haswell & Son, Chester, accepting the statement of account in the matter between his late brother Mr. A. S. Pryse and Dr. H. Thomas as now finally adjusted and agreed to between Messrs Haswell and his arbitrator Mr. Thomas Griffiths of Manchester and asks them to pay the sum of £16.7.0d. to Dr. Thomas.
- 148 1874 Feb.16 LETTER: Thomas Griffiths, Elder Bank, Cleveland, Cheetham Hill, Manchester to [Messrs. Geo. Haswell & Son], stating that he was obliged by his favour of the 12 inst., and that having considered its purport he had forwarded it to Mr. Fulwar Pryse recommending he accept the arrangement and that the bills of the tradesmen in Chester introduced to Mr. Pryse by Dr. Thomas must be honourably settled. He regrets the trouble caused by this much bungled affair has given, and concludes by stating that no letters of administration were taken out; Mr. Fulwar Pryse takes to his brother's effects with the consent of all the relatives.
- 149 [18]74 May 23 COPY LETTER: H. Thomas, The Hydropathic Establishment and Winter Residence, Llandudno to Dr. Drysdale stating his grievance against the Homoeopathic Directory which is that the editor professes to print the names and addresses of qualified Physicians and Surgeons practising Homoeopathy in Great Britain and that a I placed before a name indicates that the practitioner has neglected to register, which is his own position yet he is not placed in the Directory with the consequence that information is withheld as to his practising homoeopathy. Also his solicitor has advised him not to let his name appear in the Directory as it may prejudice any case should it become advisable to take action against the Medical Council. He also mentions that one W.L. Arrowsmith M.D. from University Pennsylvania in the U.S.A. is accepted while his diploma is held insufficient

for inclusion in the Homoeopathic Directory. He also draws attention to further omissions in the Directory. When he finds himself fairly treated by the British Homoeopathic Practitioners, he will be happy to subscribe to the Homoeopathic Publishing Society.

- 150 [18]74 May 24 LETTER: J. Drysdale, Liverpool to Dr. Thomas in which he states his regret and dissatisfaction that Dr. Thomas will not subscribe to the [Homoeopathic Publishing Society] as he had expected much for science from Dr. Thomas and that henceforth he would expect nothing from him. He comments unfavourably on the Homoeopathic Directory. He regrets that Hayward has offended him but says that Hayward maintains he was insulted by Dr. Thomas when he called his candidature "a puff". Mr. Drysdale thinks Dr. Thomas should apologise if in fact he did use this expression which in his opinion was very improper.
- 151 [18]74 May 25 COPY LETTER: Dr. Henry Thomas, The Hydropathic Establishment and Winter Residence, Llandudno, to Dr. Drysdale [Liverpool] in which Dr. Thomas states that he thinks Dr. Drysdale condemns him unfairly as he has no intention of abandoning the cultivation of scientific medicine. He restates his position regarding his grievance with the Homoeopathic Directory and also states that Hayward has no claim to an apology from him and that he had no wish for Dr. Drysdale to take up the cudgels for him. He concludes by stating that he is very busy and has little leisure time and that he was sorry to hear Mr. Price say that Dr. Drysdale had spoken of him as having abandoned Scientific Medicine.
- 152 [18]74 May 27 LETTER: J. Drysdale, Liverpool to Dr. Thomas in which Dr. Drysdale states he was only giving his opinion in his previous letter, and that he is at a loss to understand why because the Directory people will not enter Dr. Thomas's American title of M.D. Dr. Thomas refuses to have the Directory in their list of

subscribers. He does not understand why Dr. Thomas wishes to have his name included with those who have neglected to register, when he has tried and failed. He does not recollect making the statement to Mr. Price of which he was accused in Dr. Thomas's last letter.

153 [18]82 Jan. 22 LETTER: Mr. A.R. Shaw, 33 Warrior Square, St. Leonards-on-Sea to [Dr] Thomas sending the names of the signatories to the diploma and also a list of the present faculty at Cleveland, also stating that he regrets that Dr. Thomas did not come to Brighton as he would have liked to have seen him.

Enclosed:

List of the present faculty at Cleveland [College U.S.A] and Envelope addressed to Dr. Thomas, Llandudno, North Wales with the following name and address on the back: W.A. Phillips, Esq., M.D., Registrar, Homoeopathic Hospital College, 51 Prospect, Cleveland, Ohio, U.S. America.

154 [18]82 Feb.9 COPY LETTER: Henry Thomas, The Llandudno Hydropathic and Winter Residence Company Limited to the [Registrar, College of Homoeopathy, Cleveland, U.S.A.] complaining that his name and more importantly the name of his friend Dr. Archibald R. Shaw are not on the college's list of graduates and that this has placed his friend who has attained a high position in St. Leonards, Hastings in a most awkward and unpleasant position. He therefore requests that they check with the staff who taught Dr. Thomas during the winter of session 1853 and 1854 if any should remain alive.

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LETTER: William Rathbone, [M.P.], 18, Princess Gardens, London, S.W. to Dr. H. Thomas stating that a copy of the Medical Act Amendment Bill would be sent to him by that night's post. The Bill as brought from the Lords was only circulated that day. Should Dr. Thomas requires any Bills he would be glad to send them.

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Newspaper cuttings:

- 156 [1887] NEWSPAPER CUTTING: Obituary of Mr. Thomas Thomas 1799-[1887] printer, Chester, the father of Dr. Henry Thomas the Homoeopathic Doctor of Medicine.
- 157 1894 Feb.10 NEWSPAPER CUTTING: Obituary of Dr. Henry Thomas of Llandudno, Managing Director of the Llandudno Hydropathic Establishment. (from the Chester Chronicle).
- 158 [1952 March 15] NEWSPAPER CUTTING: Obituary of Miss Eva Thomas youngest daughter of the late Dr. Henry Thomas (from the Llandudno Advertiser).
- 159 1964 March 28 NEWSPAPER CUTTING from the Liverpool Daily Post containing an article entitled 'Memories of a gold rush' edited by Ivor Wynne Jones.
The article quotes from a letter written from Bendigo, South Australia in July 1853 by Thomas Thomas, brother of Dr. Henry Thomas who for many years owned the Llandudno Hydropathic establishment, now the Hydro Hotel. The letter describes the feelings of the gold prospector of the time.

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(See XM/7185/32 for the original letter discussed in this article).

Miscellaneous:

- 160 ?1853 April 8 GOLD LICENCE granted by the Australian Commissioner to Robert Rule to dig for gold from the Crown Lands within the Upper Loddon District, Victoria, Australia during the month of April 1853.
- 161 1854-1975 FAMILY TREE: Concerning Dr. Henry Thomas's family.
- 162 1859 Oct. PRINTED NOTE: Showing names of those on the Executive Committee of the Association of Foreign Graduates (of Medicine).
- 163 [?1850's] ADVERTISEMENT: For the Cleveland, Ohio, Homoeopathic Hospital College.
- 164 1871 March 14 PRINTED BILL: A Bill to Amend the Medical Act of 1858.

PAPERS OF MISS EVA THOMAS

Letters written to Eva Thomas and her brothers and sisters by John Price M.A., late of St. John's College Cambridge mainly re Natural History):

John Price, known as 'Old Price' (1803-1887), was a cleric, naturalist and eccentric. Born at Pwll-y-crochan, Colwyn Bay, he attended Shrewsbury School where he was a school fellow of Charles Darwin who became a great friend in after years. He graduated from St. John's College, Cambridge in 1826, but though he became a master at Shrewsbury and other schools, his unstable character and eccentricity in dress and behaviour made him unsuited to a normal career. He published a number of books including Llandudno and how to enjoy it (1869) and Old Price's Remains a monthly periodical (1863-1864).

165 1878 April 8 LETTER: Mr. John Price, 6 West Parade, Rhyl, to Ida [Thomas] and Co., in which Mr. Price asks for some trousers which must be fairly large to accommodate him. He wants a pair like sailors, long legged as well as ample in waistband and in the custody of a strap and buckle. He says his main object was to give Mary a holiday in the country and that has been attained. He also thinks he would be a good subject for sub-cutaneous injections. He mentions that in having friends and relatives around him he does not find it dull and that he is very well looked after. He was written to Mr. [?Bass] and asks if any news of Mr. Young.

166 1879 March 16 LETTER: Mr. John Price to [Miss] Ida [Thomas] in which he states he is suffering from fluent Coryza and is taking Arsenicum 3 every hour. He says he is bound above everything to avoid worry, he must at any event avoid medicine which does scarcely anything else but worry him. He states that Birmingham is a poor exchange for Llandudno. He expects news of the museum and her attempts to keep it up and amplify it until a room has to be built.

He tells of going that evening to accompany a Guitar, first attempt; he picked up a fine old Flute by Potter, silver keyed for five shillings, repairs at one-shilling and threepence.

- 167 1882 Dec.22 LETTER: John Price to [Miss] Eva [Thomas] in which Mr. Price discusses a list of [Plants and Sea Life] sent to him by Eva.
- 168 1883 July LETTER: Mr. John Price to H[arry] and E[va Thomas] in which Mr. Price thanks her for the Llyn Elsi flowers and comments on various flowers and birds such as moonwort and the Water Wagtail. He asks if she is learning Welsh and notes that on a ride to Ffestiniog last week he only saw one white Foxglove out of some thousands.
- 169 1883 Sept.[?5] LETTER: Mr. John Price, Chester to [Miss] Eva, H[arry] and B[ernard] [Thomas]. Mr. Price states that their letters are very good for him. He asks if they have seen any Kingfishers as he used to see one regularly but not any more. He advises H[arry] that swimming in shallow water is as good as in deep and a good deal safer, also that there is a rare plant in Cwm Idwal.
- 170 1883 Oct. 5-8 LETTER: Mr. John Price Chester to [Miss] Eva [Thomas] in which Mr. Price discusses bird life, the capturing of a Salmon, and English grammar. He had also found some of his old drawings that might have illustrated [?Birkenhead] shore. He also notes that the October number of "Science Gossip" spoke well of his Llandudno guide.

- 171 1883 Oct.18 LETTER: Mr. John Price, Chester to [Miss Eva Thomas and one of her brothers] in which Mr. Price discusses bird-life, trees and sea animals. He mentions that he has found a lot of old drawings 1841-1847 of sea animals that he would like to show them. He says he is afraid that the cold air of winter will keep him shut in as it promotes Coryza which in his case is a serious difficulty. He mentions that he still gives weekly lessons at Mrs. Greens and Miss B.'s.
- 172 1883 Dec.15 LETTER: Mr. John Price, Chester to [Miss] Eva [Thomas]. These are mainly just jottings in which Mr. Price mentions, Campions and Geraniums; that he is better and out of bed again; he did not know of Grandfather's visit, shore birds along the Warren and that he wishes to be remembered to the Marl Hughes's in the Market. He asks for his lecture to lie straightened (ironed?) on the reading room table -'pro bono publico'.
- 173 1883 Dec.28 LETTER: [Mr John Price], Chester to [the Thomas family]. The weather is favourable to list of flowers and that the Bettws letters are more lively than the Llandudno letters because of the novelty of the objects at Bettws. He discusses various plants and birds and notes that he once had a pet Grebe called 'Twm Pwdin' he advises studying Selborne.
- 174 [18]84 March LETTER: Mr. John Price, to [Miss] Eva [Thomas] in which he mentions various plants and birds and warns all to beware of colds.
- 175 [1880s] NOTE: [Mr. John Price] to [Miss] Eva [Thomas] & Co. in which he notes the difference between 2 Wagtails by describing their plumage. He also hopes that the Pheasant was tender and says that the best Woodcock he ever tasted had been picked up the day after it had been shot.

- 176 [1880s] LETTER: Mr. J. Price to [Miss] E[va] and B[ernard] [Thomas] in which Mr. Price mentions "Y Pobty" as the name of the bay which should be visited at all tides and in all weathers just to get its grandeur, and also Eglwys wen, a white walled cave, which is not daily accessible. He says to look sharp for Peregrine Falcons which he fears are becoming very scarce. He asks if they ever see choughs, stating they are easily known when over head by the wing feathers being widely parted, and their note is like that of Jackdaws. He says to watch sea birds with a telescope and note their behaviour.
- 177 [1880s] [July]-
Aug. LETTER: Mr. John Price to [Miss Eva Thomas and one of her brothers] giving thanks for interesting letters received and that the Southport plants were good ones.
Aug.4. He thought he had already posted this letter long ago and that since writing the above he had spent a fortnight at Barmouth which he had no doubt would have been beneficial to his general health tho' the local ailment made excursions a sore punishment. He also mentions seeing a few Herons, Partridges, Sandpipers, flocks of Gulls, Starlings and one brood of Shelducks.
- 178 [1880s] LETTER: Mr. J[ohn] P[rice] to [Miss Eva Thomas and her brothers and sisters] asking her to send some Orchid plants in the season to Miss Daly's brother Arthur. Also asks if the public museum is growing. Mr. Price comments on the fact that it must have been Bobby, who was responsible for the removal of an article of clothing belonging to him from the chair in the hall.

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Miscellaneous:

- 179 1883 Nov.22 REPORT: Paper presented to the Chester Society of Natural Science by the Secretary, Mr. E.J. Baillie on the relationship between Natural Sciences (Biology) and atheism and the teaching of science and the Bible.
- 180 [1880s] Jan.2 LETTER: Eliza Brightmen, The Grove, Great Stanmore, co. Middlesex to [Miss Eva Thomas] thanking her for letting her see the result of [Miss Thomas's] kind treatment of butterflies and asks her to try the same kindness to other insects from which interesting results might follow. She also states that she now has three perfectly tame drones that she had saved from dying of cold and hunger some months previously; these like being stroked and show no signs of fear when taken on ones hand.
- 181 1892 Sept. NEWSPAPER CUTTING of a letter (dated 29 Sept. 1892) from [Miss] E[va] T[homas] on her experiments in butterfly taming. They had a great many butterflies in their garden this year, chiefly Red Admirals and Painted Ladies. She notes that the Admirals and Painted Ladies were very fearless and they determined to tame them. The butterflies were very fond of single dahlias in the garden and that when settled on these they would allow people to come very close to them and on occasions would even settle on their hands, but would not stay until they hit upon the idea of putting sugar on their fingers. The Admirals became very tame, coming every morning and would settle on their faces, dresses or hands.