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Dr. E. Jones, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.S.,  
33 Liverpool Road,  
CHESTER,  
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Dear Dr. Jones,

The firm which marked its goods 'R. Broadhead' was the Sheffield firm of Rogers Broadhead and Co., formerly Broadhead and Atkin. During its years in business the range of manufactures included Britannia metal, German silver, silver plate and electro plate goods.

Rogers Broadhead first appears in the directory for 1830 in business on his own as a manufacturer of spoons and Britannia metal goods. In the late 1830's the firm became Broadhead and Atkin, making the wider range of goods listed above, and in the mid-1850's it became known as R. Broadhead and Co. which it remained until the firm ceased about the turn of the century. Rogers Broadhead himself retired in the 1860's and died in 1876. The firm changed address several times but was at Britannia Works, Love Street, for about forty to fifty years.

There is an undated catalogue of goods issued by R. Broadhead and Co. in the local collection, which illustrates some of the vases made by them in electro silver plated Britannia metal. The vases have a plated trellis-work top and glass linings in "blue turquoise, white cornelian, or green chrysopas" and are priced from 10/6d to 30s.

Yours sincerely,

Robert F. Atkins, F.L.A.,  
Director