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There are some few cases of febricula; but they do not cause any appreciable inefficiency, as the men thus disabled are only absent a few days from duty. There are no cases of sunstroke, nor of venereal diseases, at Halfa itself. The cases in hospital were brought up the river from Cairo, or Assouan. Halfa is, in the ordinary way, merely a small collection of Arab huts; there is no town, or even village.

With the exception of enteric fever and dysentery, the general health of the troops is satisfactory. There are 240 cases in hospital; 14 with enteric fever; 80 with dysentery and diarrhoea.

Food.—Fresh meat is distributed about twice a week; onions, rice, and preserved vegetables daily. The bread is good; corned beef good. Eggs, poultry, and dates are bought by the men to a great extent. Men doing hard work, and exposed to a sudden fall of temperature at night, should have an evening issue of some stimulant. Rum is only served out at very rare intervals.

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OLEATE OF CHLORAL IN PRURITUS.—A writer (*St. Louis Medical Journal*) has had a so-called oleate of chloral made, which, he says, has been used with much success in pruritus ani, eczema, and other affections associated with much itching. The compound consists of one drachm each of camphor and chloral, and one ounce of oleic acid, thoroughly mixed together. Camphor and chloral in equal parts, forming a liquid, has long been known as a valuable remedy in cases where local anaesthesia of the cutaneous nerves is desired, and has been employed in neuralgia and pruritus. The addition of the oleic acid will undoubtedly increase the penetrating power of the mixture. It may thus be found useful in allaying the itching, while other means are employed to secure permanent relief.

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 1885:

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

MEETINGS of the Council will be held on January 14th, April 8th, July 8th, and October 14th, 1885. Gentlemen desirous of becoming members of the Association must send in their forms of application for election to the General Secretary not later than twenty-one days before each meeting, namely, March 18th, June 17th, and September 24th, 1885, in accordance with the regulation for the election of members passed at the meeting of the Committee of Council of October 12th, 1881.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary.*

COUNCIL.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

A MEETING of the Council will be held in the Small Hall, Exeter Hall, Strand, London, on Wednesday, the 14th day of January next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

FRANCIS FOWKE, *General Secretary.*

161A, Strand, December 18th, 1884.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

SOUTH INDIAN BRANCH.—Meetings are held in the Central Museum, Madras, on the first Saturday in the month, at 9 P.M. Gentlemen desirous of reading papers or exhibiting specimens are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary. —C. SIBTHORPE, Honorary Secretary, Madras.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: EAST LONDON AND SOUTH ESSEX DISTRICT.—The next meeting will be held at the Hackney Town Hall, on Thursday, January 22nd, at 8 P.M. Mr. Macnamara, President of the Branch, in the chair. Dr. Hentz will propose a resolution advocating the charging of hospital and dispensary out-patients a small sum of money to cover the expense of medicine, etc.—JOSEPH W. HUNT, Honorary Secretary, 101, Queen's Road, Dalston.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST KENT DISTRICT.—The next meeting of this District will be held at Gravesend, on Tuesday, January 27th. Charles Firth, Esq., M.D., in the chair. Gentlemen wishing to read papers, or to exhibit specimens, are requested to communicate with me before January 10th.—H. LEWIS JONES, Honorary Secretary, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Chatham.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: SOUTH-EAST HANTS MEDICAL SOCIETY.

A MEETING of this district of the Southern Branch was held at the Grosvenor Hotel, Portsmouth, on Thursday, December 11th. Dr. AXFORD, President, occupied the chair.

Pathological Specimens exhibited by Mr. G. H. Snowden: Central abscess of the left testicle, the result of acute orchitis, removed from a patient aged 50; several large cysts containing clear fluid existed on the opposite side; large piece of omentum removed during operation for radical cure of inguinal hernia; sac of abscess which had opened into trachea, causing sudden death. The bodies of the lower cervical vertebrae were found diseased.

Cases, etc.—The following were shown.

1. Dr. C. C. Claremont: A female patient with a Tumour of the left Temporal Muscle.

2. Dr. Ward Cousins showed four patients after operation for the Radical Cure of Hernia.

Discussion.—Mr. Newman introduced a discussion on the Radical Cure of Hernia, and was followed by Dr. Ward Cousins.

Pessary.—Dr. E. J. Hunter showed a Zwanky's pessary, removed after remaining six years in the vagina.

Cucaine.—Dr. Axford exhibited a sample of hydrochlorate of cucaine, and also a 4 per cent. solution of the same, and made some remarks upon its properties. Dr. Guillemard mentioned the effects of the drug upon his own person. After applying some of a 4 per cent. solution to the conjunctiva, in ten minutes the surface of the eyeball became insensitive, and the pupil began to dilate. The local anaesthesia passed off in the course of half an hour, but the dilatation of the pupil increased, and was at its height in three hours, passing off in four or five hours. The pupil reacted to light throughout. He thought the drug would prove very useful in eye-operations, and as an aid in laryngoscopy.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH: ORDINARY MEETING.

A MEETING of this Branch was held on December 11th, 1884; Dr. J. J. NASON, President, in the chair.

Communications.—The following communications were made.

1. Mr. Gilbert Smith showed a case of Lichen Circumscriptus.
2. Mr. Jordan Lloyd showed a case of Disease of the Head of the Right Femur, and of the left Tarsus, associated with an early stage of Locomotor Ataxy (Charcot's disease?).
3. Dr. Suckling showed Muscles taken from a case of Pseudo-hypertrophic Paralysis.
4. Mr. Lawson Tait showed a small Kidney removed from a young woman who had previously been operated upon for a renal cyst.
5. Dr. Suckling read a paper on Cerebral Disorders in Locomotor Ataxy. The writer enumerated and discussed the following cerebral symptoms, vertigo, critical pains in the head, epileptiform and apoplectic attacks, ocular troubles, migraine, alopecia areata, and insanity. He mentioned three cases of locomotor ataxy which he had had under his care, in which insanity had supervened. He discussed the association between general paralytic dementia and locomotor ataxy; and was of opinion that the latter disease terminated in insanity more frequently than was generally supposed.
6. Mr. Bartleet read a paper on the operative treatment of Internal Hemorrhoids. After referring to the pressing need of operative interference in many cases, he enumerated the various operative measures that had been proposed, and what appeared to be the indications for their respective employment. After alluding to excision, to the removal by the *ceraseur*, to crushing, to perforating with a hot needle, he said that, practically, the operative treatment of piles resolved itself into the operation by ligature, and that by clamp and cautery. He believed that a surgeon would usually come to prefer the operation to which he was most accustomed; and while cures were, as a rule, secured under either plan of treatment, he believed that for safety, rapidity, and painlessness after operation, the use of the clamp and cautery was eminently satisfactory. Mr. Bartleet urged the stretching of the sphincter as a preliminary step whichever operation was employed.

ERRORS, CORRECTIONS, AND OMISSIONS FROM THE LIST OF MEMBERS, BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, 1884-5.

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SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SUSSEX DISTRICT.

A MEETING of the above District was held at Tunbridge Wells on December 3rd; Dr. JOHNSON in the chair.

The Annual Meeting of the Association in 1886.—The following resolution was proposed by Mr. KAYE-SMITH, seconded by Mr. WATSON, and carried unanimously:—

“That the invitation of the large majority of Brighton members of the profession, and several other members of the South-Eastern Branch, for the Association to hold its Annual Meeting, in 1886, at Brighton, be supported and approved by the members now present.”

Communications were made by Dr. ELLIOTT, Mr. ABBOTT, and Mr. T. JENNER VERRALL.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

PARIS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Inoculation from Malignant Pustule.—The Action of Antiseptics on the Circulation of Frogs.—The Toxic Action of Normal Urine.—The Liver in Cholera-Patients.—The Comma-shaped Bacillus found in the Blood.—The Use of Distilled Water for Drinking-Purposes.—The Spreading of Epidemics from Impure Water.—Death under an Anæsthetic.

A PATIENT was lately admitted into the Lariboisière Hospital with a malignant pustule above the eyebrow. He was employed in the slaughter-houses of La Vilette, and killed and prepared for sale sheep imported from the south of Russia. The malignant character of the pustule was evidenced by intense fever, 107° Fahr.; pulse 120; and considerable œdema. The subparotid glands were much swollen. Two days before the patient was admitted into the hospital, he complained of itching of the forearm and back of the hand. The œdematous area was cauterized, and the scars were removed until the tissues bled. The patient's condition improved from day to day, until all danger disappeared. Nevertheless, the glands continued hard and swollen. M. Proust, who treated the case, wished to ascertain if the blood was infected when the patient was admitted. Artificial cultivations from the blood on broth were made, but were sterile. A drop of the purulent serum taken from the pustule rendered the broth fertile, and bacteria appeared in it. Guinea-pigs inoculated from this cultivation died from charbon.

M. Gosselin communicated to the Académie des Sciences last autumn the result of his experiments to ascertain the action of alcohols and phenols on the circulation of frogs. He has extended this series of researches, and a few days ago stated to the Académie des Sciences that iodoform, tincture of iodine, and biniodide of mercury, have the same action as alcohols and phenols. They coagulate the blood in the capillaries, but more slowly. Oxidised water, zinc-chloride, and boric acid fail to produce the same phenomena, though they coagulate blood in contact with the air.

Many experiments have been made to determine the action of hypodermic injections of diseased urine. M. Bouchard has lately been injecting normal urine into the veins of rabbits. The results have never varied. The pupil contracts, the respiration becomes weaker, and urine is abundant; reflex action of the cornea and other parts disappears; the temperature lessens, respiration is arrested, and the animal dies. Respiration stops before the heart-beats disappear. If the dose do not kill, coma appears, and the respiration is quicker; in about ten minutes, the animal improves, and in half an hour it is cured. Forty or sixty cubic centimetres of urine kill a rabbit. The urine of the animals experimented on becomes generally slightly albuminous. Normal urine clearly contains different substances of unequal toxic power. All its constituent elements, even the water in it, are more or less toxic. It is, therefore, easily explained why certain pathological phenomena, like uræmia, vary according to the case; sometimes coma is present, sometimes convulsions. The toxic agent is probably different in each instance. The temperature is almost always lowered, which is probably due to the presence of several toxic agents, combined with the one which contracts the pupil. It is demonstrated that water injected into the veins increases the temperature, but urine lowers it. The toxic effect of urine varies with each specimen.

M. Hanot has communicated to the Biological Society the results of his examinations of the liver in cholera-patients. He has always found hypertrophy of the nuclei of the hepatic cells. This lesion varies in degree; sometimes the nuclei are hypertrophied; at others, the whole cell has undergone fatty degeneration. Finally, round and oval

patches appear here and there among the hepatic lobes. These patches are areas of vitreous degeneration. A high power shows that the nuclei are excessively hypertrophied and increased. The protoplasm is absolutely discoloured. M. Hanot terms this lesion transparent tumefaction.

M. Doyen, a hospital house-surgeon, has, during the recent cholera-epidemic at Paris, made a number of careful necropsies. A few days ago, he stated to the Biological Society that he had found the comma-bacillus in the contents and the coats of the intestines. In rapidly acute cases (*cas foudroyants*), these bacilli were found in a pure state in the duodenum and in the upper portion of the jejunum, and no other bacteria were present. In prolonged cases, they were observed in the ileum among other bacilli. On examining the liver, kidneys, and spleen, he observed the presence of comma-bacilli, diplococci, and micrococci, arranged as chains; also thick rods. These different micro-organisms were present in the blood, either free, between the red corpuscles, or more frequently in the midst of leucocytes. M. Doyen considers the presence of these micro-organisms in the blood as evidence of a complex septicæmia, which has its origin in the intestines, and further develops in consequence of epithelial desquamation. The bacilli of the intestine migrate between its coats, and thence pass into the blood-vessels.

Dr. Dureau de Villeneuve, in a note presented by M. Marey to the Académie des Sciences, recommends that distilled water should be generally used for drinking purposes. He argues that pure water is a desideratum, especially during cholera-epidemics. Distilled water fulfils this condition, and could be easily obtained by utilising the condensers of the different steam-engines kept at works. Dr. Villeneuve suggests that water thus distilled should be distributed among the inhabitants of the different districts near the seat of distillation.

M. Michel, a medical man practising at Chaumont, in a note to the Académie des Sciences, publishes evidence confirming the accuracy of M. Marey's communications concerning the part played by water in spreading epidemics. It appears that every year there were a considerable number of deaths at Chaumont from typhoid fever. Recently, a water-supply, which was believed to be contaminated, was cut off; since that time, typhoid has disappeared.

A painful instance of the danger of using anæsthetics by unskilled hands was furnished a few days ago by a dentist. A gentleman died suddenly whilst M. Duchesne was extracting his tooth. M. Brouardel, after a most careful necropsy and examination, states that there were not any natural cause of death, but that it ensued from an excessive inhalation of an anæsthetic. The brain, heart, and intestines were sent to the toxicological laboratory. It has been ascertained that the extraction was bloodless; therefore, death must have occurred before the operation was effected.

BERLIN.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Cucaine.—Dr. Koch's Courses on Bacteriology.

CONSIDERABLE attention is given in the German medical press to the successes of cucaine as a local anæsthetic. Attention is drawn in the *Berliner Klinische Wochenschrift* to a claim to priority in the discovery of its value. Professor Rossbach, of Jena, writes that Dr. von Anrep, of St. Petersburg, was the first who observed its local anæsthetic effect, and that Dr. von Anrep published an account of his observations, which he made in 1879 in Professor Rossbach's pharmacological laboratory at Würzburg, in Pfugger's *Archiv*, 1880, vol. xxi, page 38 *et seq.* He here points out its effect on the nerves of the skin and tongue, and on page 70 recommends its trial, as a “local anæsthetic,” on human beings. In Professor Zuelzer's polyclinic at Berlin cucaine has been used, with very susceptible people, on the urethra of men and women, from two to three cubic centimetres of a 2 per cent. solution of cucaine being syringed into the urethra, and retained there from three to four minutes. A diminution of susceptibility was always obtained, and sometimes perfect anæsthesia of the urethra, so that the catheter could easily be used. Professor Kahler, of Prague, reports a case of an unmarried woman, aged 38, who had suffered for years from hysteria, and for three weeks had been unable to take any form of nourishment through the mouth owing to inappeasable vomiting. He painted the pharynx and base of the tongue with a 10 per cent. solution of cucaine, after which she was immediately able to take liquid, and soon afterwards solid food. Some valuable results are also published from Professor Jurasz's clinic for diseases of the larynx, throat, and nose at Heidelberg; several experiments were made at Professor Jurasz's instigation by one of his pupils on six medical men connected with the clinic, all of which, including a difficult operation performed success-

per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose again to 29.6 last week, and exceeded by as much as 9.4 per 1,000 the average rate for the same period in the twenty-eight large English towns. Among these Scotch towns the rate was equal to 19.5 in Leith, 20.4 in Edinburgh, 21.8 in Perth, 22.9 in Greenock, 25.9 in Dundee, 31.3 in Aberdeen, 32.1 in Paisley, and 34.7 in Glasgow. The 691 deaths registered last week in these towns included 110 which were referred to the principal zymotic diseases, against 109 and 108 in the two preceding weeks; of these, 34 resulted from measles, 26 from whooping-cough, 16 from scarlet fever, 14 from "fever," 11 from diarrhoea, 9 from diphtheria, and not one from small-pox. These 110 deaths were equal to an annual rate of 4.6 per 1,000, which was more than double the average zymotic death-rate last week in the twenty-eight large English towns. The zymotic death-rates in the Scotch towns ranged from 0.0 and 0.8 in Paisley and Edinburgh, to 4.3 in Greenock, and 8.1 in Glasgow. The deaths from measles, which had been 27 and 36 in the two previous weeks, were 34 last week, of which as many as 30 were returned in Glasgow. The 26 fatal cases of whooping-cough showed a slight increase, and included 14 in Glasgow, and 3 in Edinburgh. The 16 deaths from scarlet-fever were all recorded in Glasgow. Of the 14 fatal cases of fever, 10 were returned in Glasgow, and 3 in Aberdeen. The 9 deaths from diphtheria showed a further marked decline from recent weekly numbers, and included 7 in Glasgow. The mortality from diseases of the respiratory organs in these Scotch towns was equal to 7.2 per 1,000, against 4.8 in London. As many as 116, or 16.8 per cent., of the 691 deaths in these Scotch towns were uncertified.

HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.—In the week ending December 27th, the number of deaths registered in the sixteen principal town districts of Ireland was 395. The average annual death-rate, represented by the deaths registered, was 23.9 per 1,000 of the population, the respective rates for the several districts being as follow, ranging in order from the lowest to the highest:—Galway, 3.4; Kilkenny, 4.2; Wexford, 4.3; Sligo, 4.8; Lisburn, 4.8; Londonderry, 5.3; Newry, 7.0; Lurgan, 10.3; Waterford, 11.6; Limerick, 13.5; Cork, 26.0; Dublin, 26.1; Belfast, 31.0; Drogheda, 33.8; Dundalk, 34.9; Armagh, 36.1. The deaths from the principal zymotic diseases in the sixteen districts were equal to an annual rate of 2.4 per 1,000, the rates varying from 0.0 in Limerick, Londonderry, Waterford, Galway, Newry, Kilkenny, Drogheda, Wexford, Dundalk, Sligo, and Lurgan, to 5.0 in Belfast, and 5.2 in Armagh. In the Dublin Registration District the deaths registered during the week amounted to 179. Nineteen deaths from zymotic diseases were registered in Dublin, being 4 under the number for the preceding week, and 13 under the average for the fifty-second week of the last ten years. They comprise 7 from scarlet-fever. Fifty-two deaths from diseases of the respiratory system (including 33 from bronchitis, 12 from pneumonia or inflammation of the lungs, and 3 from croup), were registered, being 9 over the number for the week ended 20th instant, but 12 under the average for the fifty-second week of the last ten years. The deaths of 10 children under five years of age (including 8 infants under one year old), were ascribed to convulsions. Six deaths were caused by apoplexy, 12 by other diseases of the brain and nervous system (exclusive of convulsions), and 13 by diseases of the circulatory system. Phthisis, or pulmonary consumption, caused 21 deaths; mesenteric disease, 3; and cancer, 3. Five accidental deaths, and 1 case of suicide were registered. In 30 cases there was "no medical attendant" during the last illness.

HEALTH OF FOREIGN CITIES.—It appears, from statistics published in the Registrar-General's return for the week ending the 27th ult., that the death-rate was recently equal to 27.6 in Bombay, and 46.1 in Madras; cholera caused 9 deaths in Bombay and 5 in Madras, and "fever" was almost equally fatal in both cities. According to the most recently received weekly returns, the annual death-rate in twenty-one large European cities averaged 25.9 per 1,000, and was no less than 5.7 above the mean rate in the twenty-eight large English towns. The death-rate in St. Petersburg was equal to 25.6, and showed a further increase upon the rates in recent weeks; the 455 deaths included 10 from "fever," 6 from diphtheria, and 5 from small-pox. In three other northern cities—Copenhagen, Stockholm, and Christiania—the death-rate averaged 22.3, and ranged from 19.0 in Copenhagen to 27.9 in Stockholm; measles caused 16 deaths in Copenhagen, and both scarlet fever and diphtheria were somewhat fatally prevalent in Stockholm and Christiania. The death-rate in Paris was 23.6, showing a further decline from the high rates in recent weeks; the deaths included 41 from measles, 41 from diphtheria and croup, and 29 from typhoid fever. The 178 deaths in Brussels, in-

cluding 3 from diphtheria and 2 from "fever," gave a rate of 22.4. The 31 deaths in Geneva, including 1 from diphtheria, were equal to a rate of 22.8. In the three principal Dutch cities—Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and the Hague—the rate was 26.9, the rate ranging from 22.6 in The Hague to 29.2 in Amsterdam, where the deaths included 11 from scarlet fever and 7 from croup. The Registrar-General's table includes seven German and Austrian cities, in which the death-rate averaged 24.9, and ranged from 20.9 in Dresden to 28.0 in Budapesth and 29.1 in Prague. Small-pox caused 6 deaths in Vienna, and diphtheria showed more or less fatal prevalence in all these cities, especially in Berlin and Hamburg. The death-rate was equal to 33.6 in Rome, and 40.3 in Venice, small-pox causing 7 and 8 deaths, respectively, in these two cities. In Madrid, the death-rate was 42.8; and the deaths included 19 from diphtheria and croup, 18 from measles, and 4 from small-pox. In Lisbon, the 97 deaths were equal to a rate of 24.8, and included 8 from small-pox and 3 from diphtheria. The mean recorded death-rate in four of the largest American cities did not exceed 23.7, the rates ranging from 17.6 in Baltimore to 27.1 in New York; typhoid fever caused 22 deaths in Philadelphia, and the mortality from diphtheria was excessive in each of these American cities.

THE CONDUCT OF A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER TOWARDS A MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

SIR,—I am the medical officer of health for a large rural district, and in one of the villages of the district an epidemic of typhoid fever has lately appeared. I am glad to say that I have received every assistance from all the medical gentlemen here except one, and to him I wrote the following note on September 22nd last.

"Dear Sir,—It is necessary that some means should be afforded me of ascertaining what patients in your charge are suffering from infectious diseases. I need hardly remind you that it is my duty to inform myself of the existence of infectious disease, and to take immediate steps to ensure disinfection when necessary. Will you, in future, adopt some means of acquainting me of infectious cases under your care? and you will oblige, Yours sincerely, etc."

I received no reply to that note, neither did he acquaint me of any infectious cases he had under his care; but, on October 4th, I find that he wrote to the Local Government Board to "complain of my professional conduct," "the bad and dirty state of the village," and "that nothing was done." When, at the same time, I had visited the village ten times, had inspected nearly every house in the village, and their surroundings, had sent a long report to the Sanitary Board on September 30th, with the good result that the Inspector of Nuisances visited the place several times, the water of the well sent to be analysed, all the cesspools repaired which were necessary, and the well and drains are to be put in good order.

On October 17th another special report was sent to the Sanitary Board after a special inspection of the place had been made by the sanitary inspector and myself. The medical practitioner alluded to, charges me with interfering with his patients. I never did such a thing. I was asked by the mother to see her boy, and, after I examined him, I was told that Dr. P. "had seen him and given him medicine." I had nothing more to do with the case. When the mother asked me to see her boy, I was, at the time, inquiring of her if there were any new cases in the village.

Please express your opinion on this case in the JOURNAL.—Yours sincerely
E. T. D.

* * If E. T. D. is desirous that medical practitioners in his district should undertake the duty of notifying cases of infectious disease, he should recommend his authorities to offer a suitable fee for such service. It is a matter for regret that a letter was sent to the Local Government Board by one medical man complaining of the conduct of another medical man without any previous communication between them on the subject of the complaint. We are glad to find E. T. D. disclaims the action which we condemned in the JOURNAL of November 5th.

MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND.—At a meeting of the Court of Examiners, held on December 8th and following days, the undernamed gentlemen, having passed their final examinations for the Letters Testimonial, and having taken the declaration, were admitted Licentiates of the College.

A. E. T. Barcroft, P. J. Barry, A. Blake, H. Breen, E. Browne, T. D. Browne, A. Butler, W. J. Darby, V. H. W. Davoren, I. P. Doyle, J. Emerson, J. Esmond, H. J. Flanagan, W. F. Fullam, J. W. Gallagher, J. J. Gaynor, G. E. Greene, J. Halpin, E. Howe, F. K. Blake, J. E. Lanagan, W. H. Luggar, A. J. Luther, J. D. McFeely, J. McGinness, H. C. Mooney, J. J. Moore, B. Murray, J. Normile, M. P. O'Donovan, P. A. Peil, J. E. Riddle, A. J. S. Roe, J. C. Sellers, G. Stoker, H. Stoker, D. D. Tate, R. C. Thacker, and R. H. Vereker.
Fifteen were stopped.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN.—At the Winter Commencements, held on Thursday, December 18th, 1884, in the Examination Hall of Trinity College, the following Degrees in Medicine and Surgery were conferred by the University Caput in the presence of the Senate.

Bachelors in Surgery.—B. G. Frith, W. Hallaran, F. J. Harpur, W. Kiddle, F. J. G. King, T. Smith.

Bachelors in Medicine.—A. J. Boyd, J. B. Buchanan, T. N. Flood, B. G. Frith, R. R. W. Gilmore, W. Hallaran, F. J. Harpur, W. Kiddle, F. J. G. King, W. R. Rice, R. H. Scovell, J. J. C. Watson.
Master in Surgery.—J. Chute (*sup. cond.*)
Doctors in Medicine.—F. R. Cassidi, J. W. Gowland, H. Grey-Edwards, E. E. Moore, G. F. Reid, G. Scriven, T. Smith.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their Examination in the Science and Practice of Medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, December 18th, 1884.

Armstrong, Leonard Henry, Newcastle-upon-Tyne College of Medicine.
 Barnett, Lawrence, University College.
 Bradbury, Harvey, London Hospital.
 Gaston, Harry Percival, Charing Cross Hospital.
 Going, Joseph Andrew, London Hospital.
 Good, John, Charing Cross Hospital.
 Harries, John Frail, King's College Hospital.
 Hazell, Robert William, London Hospital.
 Meller, Charles Booth, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
 Morris, Colin Dwight, London Hospital.
 Phillips, William Edward Picton, Guy's Hospital.
 Reece, Richard James, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
 Volckman, Bernard, London Hospital.
 Wild, Robert Briggs, Owens College, Manchester.

The following gentlemen also passed on Tuesday, December 23rd, 1884.

Bates, George Tweedie, University College.
 Caswell, George William, University College.
 Fowler, Walter, Guy's Hospital.
 Hildyard, Robert Loxham, King's College.
 Jones-Humphreys, Yarry Meyrick, Guy's Hospital, and Liverpool Royal Infirmary.
 Lavies, Harry Brandreth, King's College.
 Leggett, Gerard Stedman, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
 Monk, Henry George Hawkins, King's College.
 Selway, Leonard, Guy's Hospital.
 Stedman, Frederick Osmund, Charing Cross Hospital.
 Stubbs, Percy Bedford Travers, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

The following gentlemen also on the same day passed their Primary Professional Examination.

Gifford, George Taylor, King's College.
 Smith, Samuel Edwin Laubert, General Hospital, Birmingham.

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are announced.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND EYE HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications to the Chairman of the Medical Committee, by January 5th.
BOLTON INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum. Applications to Mr. Kevan, 12, Acresfield, Bolton, by January 10th.
BOROUGH OF SHEFFIELD.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £500 per annum. Applications by January 7th.
BRISTOL GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications by January 10th.
CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Victoria Park, E.—Resident Clinical Assistant. Applications by January 8th.
CRICKHOWELL UNION.—District Medical Officer, Medical Officer of Health, and Public Vaccinator. Applications by January 10th.
DEVONSHIRE HOSPITAL, Buxton, Derbyshire.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications by January 3rd.
GENERAL INFIRMARY AT GLOUCESTER, AND THE GLOUCESTER-SHIRE EYE INSTITUTION.—Physician. Applications by February 18th.
KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum. Applications by January 23rd.
KIDDERMINSTER FRIENDLY SOCIETIES MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—Assistant Medical Officer. Applications to Dr. J. W. Measures, 4, Lion Street.
NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE HEART AND PARALYSIS, Soho Square.—Honorary Assistant Physician. Applications to the Secretary.
NORTHERN INFIRMARY, Inverness.—House-Surgeon and Apothecary. Salary £50 per annum. Applications to Kenneth MacDonald, Esq., Town Clerk, by January 17th.
PARISH OF LOCHS, near Stornoway.—Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum. Applications to the Inspector of Poor by January 10th.
PORTUMNA UNION.—Medical Officer, Portumna Dispensary. Salary, £112 10s. per annum. Applications to William Eyre, The Castle, Eyrecourt, by January 18th.
QUEEN'S HOSPITAL, Birmingham.—Casualty Surgeon. Applications by January 24th.
QUEEN'S HOSPITAL, Birmingham.—Resident Physician. Salary, £50 per annum. Applications by January 24th.
RADCLIFFE INFIRMARY, Oxford.—Honorary Physician. Applications by January 14th.
SUSSEX COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM, Hayward's Heath.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum. Applications to Dr. Williams.
THREE TOWNS FRIENDLY SOCIETIES MEDICAL INSTITUTION.—Third Medical Officer for six months. Salary, £150 per annum. Applications to Mr. W. Curtis, 69, Charlotte Street, Morice Town, Devon port.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.—Lecturer in Human Anatomy. Salary, £300. Applications to the Secretary of the Common University Fund, New College, Oxford, not later than February 1st, 1885.

WESTERN OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, Marylebone Road.—Assistant Surgeon. Applications by January 17th.

WHITECHAPEL UNION.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum. Applications by January 5th.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

ACKERY, John, M.R.C.S., L.D.S., appointed Assistant Dental Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
ADDENBROOKE, E. H., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed Medical Officer of Health for the District of Kidderminster.
BOOBYER, Philip, M.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Medical Officer of Health to the Basford Rural Sanitary District.
BUSH, J. Paul, M.R.C.S., appointed Surgeon to the Bristol Police Force, *vice* F. R. Cross, M.B. F.R.C.S., resigned.
CLUBBE, W. H., appointed Consulting Surgeon to the Lowestoft Hospital.
COLLINS, William Job, M.D., B.S., B.Sc.Lond., F.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Ophthalmic Surgeon to the North-West London Hospital.
DACRE, John, L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S., appointed House-Physician to the Bristol Royal Infirmary, *vice* J. F. Evans, M.B., promoted.
ELLIOTT, W. T., L.D.S.Ed. and Dubl., F.C.S., appointed Assistant Dental Surgeon to Birmingham Dental Hospital.
EVANS, J. Fenton, M.B., C.M., appointed House-Surgeon and Senior Resident Medical Officer to the Bristol Royal Infirmary, *vice* J. Paul Bush, M.R.C.S., resigned.
EWART, C. THEODORE, M.B., M.Ch., appointed Assistant Medical Officer to Leavesden Asylum, *vice* Lloyd Francis, M.B.(Oxon.), M.R.C.S.Eng., resigned.
HAWKINS, C. F., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.S.A.Lond., appointed Public Vaccinator for the District of Clifton, Bristol, *vice* L. Matthews Griffiths, M.R.C.S.Eng., resigned.
HUTCHINSON, Jonathan, junior, F.R.C.S., appointed Surgical Registrar to the London Hospital.
LIPTRON, A. Bailey, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Ed., appointed House-Surgeon to the Liverpool Eye and Ear Infirmary.
McMURRAY, W., M.D., appointed Surgeon to Walgett Hospital, N.S.W., *vice* R. Wilson, resigned.
MILLER, Hugh, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., appointed House Surgeon to the Huntingdon County Hospital.
MURRAY H. Montague, M.D., M.R.C.P., appointed Assistant Physician to, and Lecturer on Practical Medicine at, the Charing Cross Hospital.
POLAND, John, F.R.C.S.Eng., appointed Surgeon to the Miller Memorial Hospital, Greenwich.
RAY, James, Esq., appointed Surgeon to the Lowestoft Hospital.
THURSTON, Hugh C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., appointed Assistant Resident Medical Officer and Pathologist to the Bristol Royal Infirmary, *vice* J. Dacre, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., promoted.
TIRARD, Nestor I. C., M.D., appointed Professor of Materia Medica in King's College, and Assistant-Physician to King's College Hospital, *vice* E. Buchanan Baxter, M.D., resigned on account of ill health.
WHITCOMBE, P. Percival, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., appointed Resident Obstetric Officer to St. Mary's Hospital, London.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d. which should be forwarded in stamps with the announcements.

BIRTHS.

BURNHAM.—At 157, Simcox Street, Toronto, Canada, on Thursday, November 27th, the wife of Dr. Herbert Burnham, of a daughter.
WELLS.—On December 20th, 1884, at 13, College Crescent, Belsize Park, N.W., the wife of Charles Wells, M.D., M.R.C.S., etc., of a son.
WHITBY.—On December 29th, at Summerfield, Birmingham, the wife of Edward Vickers Whitby, M.R.C.S.Eng., of a son.

MARRIAGE.

ASHWORTH-SMYTHE.—On December 23rd, 1884, at the parish church, Hunstanton, J. Henry Ashworth, F.F.P.S.Glas., and M.R.C.P.Ed., of Halstead, Essex, to Kate, younger daughter of the late Henry Smythe, M.D., of King's Lynn.

DEATH.

LEIGH.—December 20th, at Llangabon, South Wales, John Leigh, J.P., F.R.C.S., Eng., aged 65 years, son of the late Rev. William Leigh, vicar of Eglwydilan and Llangabon.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY.—Medical Society of London, 8.30 p.m. The Lettsomian Lectures will be delivered by Dr. T. Lauder Brunton. Subject—Digestive Disorders: their Consequences, and Treatment. Lecture I.—Digestion and Indigestion; Strong and Weak Digestion; Foods; A Typical Meal; Digestion of Foods; Absorption of Foods; Cookery a Fine Art; Courses at Meals; Stimulants; Gastric Indigestion; Intestinal Indigestion; Biliousness.
TUESDAY.—Pathological Society of London, 8.30 p.m. Mr. Lane: Fracture of First Rib alone, and its Causation. Mr. Godlee: Extensive Fracture of the Skull in an Infant, with Effusion of Serous Fluid. Mr. Pepper: A Case of Malignant Disease of the Spermatheca. Dr. Norman Moore: 1. Congenital Disease of Heart; 2. Hemorrhage into the Substance of the Liver (card). Mr. Lockwood: Rudimentary Abdominal Ribs. Dr. Silcock: Tubercular Disease of the Epididymis (card). Dr. Charlewood Turner: 1. Congenital Stenosis of Oesophagus; 2. Aneurysm of the Aorta opening into

the Oesophagus (card); 3. Aneurysm of Sinus of Valsalva, with Abnormal Coronary Arteries. Dr. Herrington: Two Specimens of Calcareous Change in the Spinal Membrane (card). Mr. Poland: Synostosis of Foot (card). At 9.30, Election of Officers and Council for 1885.—Society for the Study and Cure of Inebriety, 4 P.M.—Mr. Lennox Browne: On Inebriety as affecting the Vocal and Respiratory Organs. Communication from Dr. Joseph Parrish, President of the American Association for the Cure of Inebriety.

THURSDAY.—Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom, 8.30 P.M.—Living and card specimens at 8 P.M.—Mr. F. R. Cross: 1. Case of Congenital Irideremia; 2. Cystic Tumour of Iris; 3. Cholesterine Crystals in the Vitreous. Mr. E. Nettleship: Total Detachment of Retina of long standing, with Retention of some Sight. Dr. W. A. Brailey: Irido-cyclitis, with Hyphema and enormously deep Anterior Chamber (sequel of case shown at last meeting). Mr. G. Hartbridge: Opaque Nerve-Fibres. Mr. W. H. Jessop: Tubercle-Bacilli in Blood-Serum (cultivated) and in Iris of Rabbit (after inoculation). Ophthalmoscopes will be exhibited by Messrs. Couper, Gunn, Morton, G. L. Johnson, etc. Mr. W. H. Jessop: On the Cucurbit Eye. Discussion on the Action of Cocaine (adjourned from last meeting). Dr. W. A. Brailey: On the Condition of the Ciliary Nerves in various Eye-Diseases, with Microscopical Specimens. Mr. J. Couper: An Improved Ophthalmoscope. Mr. A. S. Morton: An Improved Student's Ophthalmoscope. Report of Committee on the Influence of the Vapours of Bisulphide of Carbon and of Chloride of Sulphur on the Vision and General Health.

FRIDAY.—Clinical Society of London, 8.30 P.M.—Annual general meeting for election of officers and council. Dr. Hale White: Case illustrating Lesions of the Frontal Lobe with very few Symptoms. Dr. Pringle: A Case of Recurrent Hematemesis, with Urticaria. Mr. B. Roth: A Case of Hydrocephalus in a Boy aged 16, who has never walked (living specimen).

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE AT THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

CHARING CROSS.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; Skin, M. Th., 9; Dental, M. W. F., 9.30.

GUY'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, exc. Tu., 1.30; Obstetric, M. W. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; Ear, Tu. F., 12.30; Skin, Tu., 12.30; Dental, Tu. Th. F., 12.

KING'S COLLEGE.—Medical, daily, 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th. S., 2; o.p., M. W. F., 12.30; Eye, M. Th., 1; Ophthalmic Department, W., 1; Ear, Th., 2; Skin, Th.; Throat, Th. 3; Dental, Tu. F., 10.

LONDON.—Medical, daily, exc. S., 2; Surgical, daily, 1.30 and 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 1.30; o.p. W. S., 1.30; Eye, W. S., 9; Ear, S., 9.30; Skin, Th., 9; Dental, Tu., 9.

MIDDLESEX.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1; Obstetric, Tu. F., 1.30; o.p., W. S., 1.30; Eye, W. S., 8.30; Ear and Throat, Tu., 9; Skin, F., 4; Dental, daily, 9.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. Th. S., 2; o.p., W. S., 9; Eye, Tu. W. Th. S., 2; Ear, M., 2.30; Skin, F., 1.30; Larynx, W., 11.30; Orthopaedic, F., 12.30; Dental, Tu. F., 9.

ST. GEORGE'S.—Medical and Surgical, M. Tu. F. S., 1; Obstetric, Tu. S., 1; o.p., Th., 2; Eye, W. S., 2; Ear, Tu., 2; Skin, Th., 1; Throat, M., 2; Orthopaedic, W., 2; Dental, Tu. S., 9; Th., 1.

ST. MARY'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1.45; Obstetric, Tu. F., 9.30; o.p., M. Th., 9.30; Eye, Tu. F., 9.30; Ear, W. S., 9.30; Throat, M. Th., 9.30; Skin, Tu. F., 9.30; Electrician, Tu. F., 9.30; Dental, W. S., 9.30.

ST. THOMAS'S.—Medical and Surgical, daily, except Sat., 2; Obstetric, M. Th., 2; o.p., W., 1.30; Eye, M. Th., 2; o.p., daily, except Sat., 1.30; Ear, M., 12.30; Skin, W., 12.30; Throat, Tu. F., 1.30; Children, S., 12.30; Dental, Tu. F., 10.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.—Medical and Surgical, daily, 1 to 2; Obstetric, M. Tu. Th. F., 1.30; Eye, M. Tu. Th. F., 2; Ear, S., 1.30; Skin, W., 1.45; S., 9.15; Throat, Th., 2.30; Dental, W., 10.30.

WESTMINSTER.—Medical and Surgical, daily 1.30; Obstetric, Tu. F., 3; Eye, M. Th., 2.30; Ear, Tu. F., 9; Skin, Th., 1; Dental, W. S., 9.15.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.—Hospital for Women, 2 P.M.

TUESDAY.....St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—Guy's, 1.30 P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—West London, 3 P.M.—St. Mark's, 9 A.M.—St. Thomas's (Ophthalmic Department), 4 P.M.—Cancer Hospital, Brompton, 8 P.M.

WEDNESDAY..St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Mary's, 1.30 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Great Northern Central, 2 P.M.—Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children, 2.30 P.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Peter's, 2 P.M.—National Orthopaedic, 10 A.M.

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ELEMENTARY PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION.

SIR,—I have been requested by a patient of mine to undertake to instruct her son in dispensing and surgery work, with some assistance in the subjects for the preliminary examination. I should be much obliged if you would let me know what would be a fair remuneration for so doing. The hours he would be in the surgery every day would be about four.—Yours sincerely, F. M.

We consider that our correspondent would be entitled to a fee of £31 10s. for his superintendence, and instruction in pharmacy, dispensing, and the rudiments of anatomy. Instruction in dispensing and the doses of drugs and chemicals is one of the most important, as it is now the most neglected part of a medical student's education.

HOSPITALS FOR MORPHINISM.

SIR,—Will you kindly favour me with a reply to the following questions? 1. Are there any hospitals in England, or on the Continent, devoted solely to the cure of chronic morphinism; if so, where? 2. What are the best books on the treatment of chronic morphinism? Thanking you in anticipation,—Believe me, yours faithfully, W. M. H. E.

* * We have made extended inquiries on the Continent, and can hear of no institution there for the special treatment of morphinism. There is none in England. In America cases of opium and morphia inebriety are received in the same way as are cases of alcohol inebriety. See an article by Obersteiner, on Morphinism, in *Brain*, for 1881 or thereabouts.

OLEATE OF COPPER VERSUS HYPOSULPHITE OF SODA IN RINGWORM.

SIR,—Under this heading, in the JOURNAL of December 13th, Dr. Liveing has somewhat hastily condemned what I and others have found to be a very valuable remedy, almost a specific, for ringworm.

Dr. Liveing used the remedy, he says, "in the form of a soft ointment" and "it was fairly tried for twelve months," but "the result did not come up to his expectation."

In "the form of a soft ointment" is a slightly indefinite description of the vehicle employed, and "fairly tried" may mean anything or nothing. Judging by the statement that the "patients' friends objected to the brilliancy of the colour of the ointment" (when applied to the head, I presume), I am forced to one of the following conclusions: 1, the oleate of copper was not in true solution in the "soft ointment"; or 2, it could scarcely have been properly applied by the patients' friends.

1. When oleate of copper is dissolved by being stirred into melted lard, it is capable, on proper application, of being almost entirely absorbed by the scalp.

2. When a small (but sufficient) quantity of the solution in a fatty vehicle has been thoroughly rubbed into the scalp, the colour of the application is practically imperceptible.

3. With all deference to Dr. Liveing's more extended experience, I would state that in my last forty cases of ringworm, the oleate of copper treatment has been uniformly successful, often when other remedies had been persistently but ineffectually tried.

4. With oleate of copper, epilation is hardly ever necessary.

Then, with regard to Dr. Liveing's hyposulphite of soda lotion (for which he has given us no formula), may I ask how, unless combined with glycerin, he expects it to reach the disease at the roots of the hairs? In what respect is it preferable to a sulphurous acid lotion? Does its use entail epilation?—I am, sir, yours faithfully, ARTHUR HARRIES, M.D.

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TREATMENT OF SEVERE COUGH.

SIR,—I see, in a recent number of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, a short account of a paper read by Dr. Allan, at the meeting of the Leeds and West Riding Medico-Chirurgical Society, on the treatment of chest-complaints accompanied by severe cough. Would Dr. Allan have any objection to tell me the exact prescription he used, with the dose of ergot; also if his cases were of chronic bronchitis, if not, does he think the drug would be serviceable in such cases? I have at present under my care an old woman, aged 60, who has suffered from bronchitis for the last sixteen years. I have tried all the drugs I could think of, ammoniacum, etc., but nothing seems to relieve the severe cough she has. I am very anxious about the case, as should my patient die, she would be a grievous loss to those depending on her. Apologising for troubling you and Dr. Allan,—I am, etc., J. C. H.

PICRIC ACID AND POTASH TEST FOR SUGAR.

In Dr. George Johnson's letter on the above subject, published in the JOURNAL of December 27th, the following printer's errors occurred. Par. 2. For "Mr. Gray's ammoniac-cupric method," read "Dr. Parry's ammonio-cupric method." Par. 4. For "or two grains to the ounce aqueous solution," read "a two grains to the ounce aqueous solution."

TREATMENT OF SNAKE-BITE.

NUMEROUS so-called remedies for snake-bite have at various times been put forward, both in this country and elsewhere; but, in spite of everything that has been said and done, we appear to be as far from the desired goal as ever. Want of success has, however, not deterred yet another candidate to the honour of the discovery of an effectual cure from coming forward to state his views; and as the details of the remedy are published in this country under official sanction, the matter is at least worth inquiry on the off chance of there being some ground for the claims put forward. The particulars of this new treatment of snake-bitten persons are contained in a communication from the Protector of Immigrants at St. Lucia, who vouches for the efficacy of the measures employed in the cases of several coolies who were bitten by poisonous snakes, and who completely recovered. With regard to the treatment, we are told as follows.

"If the patient seems under the influence of fear, a stiff rousing grog is given, and encouraging words are spoken. Then this draught is administered. Of the strongest ammonia, 10 to 20 drops; of theriague, one teaspoonful; of claret, one wineglassful. If the theriague is in the form of a powder, less than a teaspoonful. This draught and this treatment of the wound are repeated one hour afterwards, and again at the interval of another hour. At every draught the wound is dressed and plastered. In the great majority of cases, the cure is completed by the third draught and dressing. But if it be a very bad and stubborn case, which will now be manifest, the draught should be given and the dressing applied every half-hour. The bad symptoms are huge swelling, great thirst, and severe vomiting. For the thirst, give a warm tea of Peruvian bark; or, if the bark be not at hand, one of quinine, which may be repeated. For the swelling, rub the affected part with pickle (from beef or pork), then wrap with warm pickle. If this fail to check or reduce the swelling, apply a warm poultice of oil-cake and salt; and, for the excessive vomiting, let the patient chew and swallow a spoonful of Guinea pepper.

"During the treatment described above, the patient must on no account be allowed to sleep, and nothing must be given to him to eat or drink until the poison is mastered. Damp clothes should be immediately removed, and the patient rubbed dry; and, if the weather be damp or chilly, a fire should be kept in the room."

LANCING THE GUMS.

Sir,—It is not my purpose to try and convince those who dissent from my recently expressed ideas on the subject of lancing the gums, even if such were possible, but I should like to write a few lines in answer to the three "free lancers" who honoured me with a reply.

Dr. Walford is surprised that there can be two opinions as to the propriety of scarifying the gums of infants while teething. His acquaintance with the literature of the subject must indeed be very limited.

Mr. Duncan's hesitancy in following up the analogy which I suggested between dentition and parturition, is very smart, in suggesting a comparison between the "tooth and the foetus," on the one hand, and between "the gum-lancet, and the long or short forepaw," on the other. This close analogy is, however, not what I meant to suggest, and is, I think, rather overstrained. Mr. Duncan thinks I am "partly right" in my analogy. I must say, in this respect, I think he is "wholly wrong."

Mr. Paramore quotes some personal cases of children frantic with agony (colic or passion), in which the gum-lancet worked wonders. I could, but will not, quote numberless cases, where other treatment, such as bromide, aperients, etc., gave equally good results; and I have powerfully impressed on my mind a case—that of my own child—which at seven months commenced twitching its limbs and facial muscles: I called in the advice of a colleague, a highly qualified and experienced practitioner, who at once suggested lancing the gums; I consented, and they were freely incised. The child got rapidly worse, and died in a few hours. The treatment in this case did, at least, no good, let us hope no harm. Like Mr. Owen, I shall continue to carry the instrument in my waistcoat-pocket (for I was brought up on the gum-lancet) and use it, if the physical signs so indicate; but, in my experience, these circumstances are not so frequently necessary as your correspondents seem to think.

Mr. Paramore says I am under a misapprehension about the practice of lancing the gums being in disfavour on the Continent and in America. Allow me, sir, in conclusion, to quote a short paragraph from the fourth edition of the standard American treatise on the Diseases of Infancy, by Dr. Lewis Smith, Clinical Professor of Diseases of Children at New York.

"The gum-lancet is now much less frequently employed than formerly. It is used more by the ignorant practitioner, who is deficient in the ability to diagnose obscure diseases, than by one of intelligence, who can discern more clearly the true pathological state. Its use is more frequent in some countries, as England, under the teaching of great names, than in others, as France, where the highest authorities, as Rilliet and Barthez, discountenance it."

With these sentiments I entirely concur.—Yours truly,
Liverpool.

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MERCANTILE MARINE SURGEONS.

Sir,—I read with much pleasure the letter which appeared in your JOURNAL of December 6th from Surgeon-Major Wyatt. In it he suggests a new channel by which the status of the mercantile marine surgeons can be improved, making them more independent to carry out the necessary sanitary laws in the emigrant services, which so justly commends itself to our early consideration. Many letters have from time to time appeared in your influential JOURNAL on this subject, but I do not remember any in which an association, with branches in the leading ports, was ever proposed. This idea, to my mind, appears certainly feasible.

During the past, little attention has been paid to ship-sanitation in England, possibly in some measure owing to the small power possessed by medical officers to ships. Surely the dreadful havoc which cholera has made in some of the seaport towns in Southern Europe during the past year should be a warning to civilised England, and stimulate the authorities that be to act promptly in this all important matter.

With reference to the formation of a medical staff in connection with the Royal Naval Reserve, I am sure, if it were properly represented to Government, they would grant commissions to the mercantile marine surgeons in the same way as the volunteers are supplied from the ranks of the general practitioners of England.

These subjects are so full of importance, not only to a large branch of the profession, but also to the community generally, that I think this ought to be taken up by the British Medical Association.—I remain, sir, yours faithfully,
Chesterfield.

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