

In person, Dr. Boott was very tall, slim, and almost fragile-looking; his profile was strikingly refined; his expression benevolent; and his whole address singularly attractive. Habited in a blue coat and bright buttons, he had the gait and air of the polished gentleman of the old school, which went well with his most courteous manners, rather retiring disposition, and singularly melodious voice.

Dr. Boott's frame was never robust; and he suffered severely from an attack of pneumonia in middle life, which seriously injured his constitution. In Midsummer of last year, he had another attack of the lung-disease, from which he never recovered; and he died on Christmas-day 1863, in his 72nd year, retaining to the last his faculties and all the traits of his most consistent and amiable life.

## Association Intelligence.

### BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH: ORDINARY MEETING.

AN ordinary meeting of the above Branch was held in the Medical Department of the Birmingham Library, January 14th, 1864; ALFRED BAKER, Esq., President, in the Chair. There were also present fifteen members.

*Papers.* The following papers were read.

1. Prolapsus Uteri: its Treatment by Operation and Mechanical Means. By Redfern Davies, Esq.
2. A Successful Case of Ovariectomy: with Observations. By John Clay, Esq.

## Reports of Societies.

### OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

JANUARY 6TH, 1864.

H. OLDHAM, M.D., President, in the Chair.

TEN gentlemen were elected Fellows.

*Lesion (Rupture?) of the Placenta.* By H. MADGE, M.D. The accident occurred in a patient who aborted two or three days after falling downstairs. She was four months and a half pregnant. She was carrying a pitcher of water upstairs, and fell forwards, the bone of her stays coming with great force against the lower part of the abdomen. The placenta contained a clot of blood, which Dr. Madge was inclined to believe was the result of rupture of the placenta at the time of the accident.

Dr. OLDHAM and Dr. DRUITT doubted the correctness of the view expressed by Dr. Madge.

*Extra-Uterine Fœtation, and Induction of Premature Labour.* By E. DAY, M.D. A specimen was exhibited consisting of the uterus of a woman in whom premature labour had been induced, together with an old extra-uterine fœtation. She was attended at King's College Hospital in her sixth labour in 1859, when a tumour was felt behind the uterus; this was pushed up, and labour proceeded well. In January 1861, Dr. A. Farre induced premature labour at the eighth month, the tumour still existing. In August 1862, she was delivered of a seven months' child, the tumour being still present. She became pregnant in January following, and came again under notice in May. Labour was induced at seven months and a

half by an air caoutchouc dilator. The membranes were subsequently ruptured, turning performed, and a dead child extracted. The woman died two days after from flooding. The *post mortem* examination showed that the tumour felt behind the uterus in the recto-vaginal pouch, which was during life of the size of a goose-egg, consisted of a fœtus of the size of one from three to four months old, enclosed in a thin cyst, attached to the peritoneum on the right side of the rectum. The right Fallopian tube contained a tumour, apparently the remains of an organised clot, and remains of decidual membrane.

*The Guide-Hook: A New Obstetric Instrument.* By S. NEWHAM, Esq. The instrument is simply a blunt hook, with the addition of a prow or guide on the convex side. The addition of the guide is to favour the adjustment of the hook into many positions in which a hook is required, to assist in breaking up the base of the skull, and in sundry other manipulations.

*Adhesions.* Dr. DAY exhibited a specimen of Adhesions between the Uterus and Rectum, dragging down the fundus; and inquired of the Society as to the possibility of stretching such adhesions by treatment.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

The Report of the Auditors of the Accounts of the Society was first read. The balance-sheet showed a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of £255:12:3; while, in addition to this, there was invested in consols the sum of £550, of which latter sum £150 had been invested in the course of the last year. The amount of subscriptions received during the year was £474:12. The sale of the *Transactions* during the year had realised £55:17:1.

It was moved by Dr. ROUTH, seconded by Dr. CLEVELAND, and carried;—"That the Report of the Auditors be received and entered in the Minutes."

Mr. BRYANT and Dr. TILBURY FOX moved and seconded a vote of thanks to the President and Officers of the Society for their valuable services during the past year.

Dr. OLDHAM and Dr. GRAILY HEWITT returned thanks.

The list of Donations during the year having been read, the President announced the result of the ballot for Officers for 1864 to be as follows:—*Hon. President*: Sir Charles Locock, Bart., M.D.—*President*: H. Oldham, M.D.—*Vice-Presidents*: R. Drutt, M.R.C.P.; G. T. Gream, M.D.; R. Greenhalgh, M.D.; R. Hardey, Esq. (Hull); J. G. Swayne, M.D. (Bristol); T. H. Tanner, M.D.—*Treasurer*: R. Barnes, M.D.—*Honorary Secretaries*: Graily Hewitt, M.D.; J. B. Hicks, M.D.—*Other Members of Council*: C. Clay, M.D. (Manchester); W. F. Cleveland, M.D.; J. Hall Davis, M.D.; C. Drage, M.D. (Hatfield); H. Gervis, M.D.; A. Hall, M.D. (Brighton); I. Harrison, Esq. (Reading); J. C. Langmore, M.B.; A. Meadows, M.D.; H. Madge, M.D.; J. T. Mitchell, Esq.; G. C. P. Murray, M.D.; E. Ray, Esq.; S. Richards, M.D.; Tyler Smith, M.D.; F. Symonds, Esq. (Oxford); A. J. Tapson, M.D.; J. G. Wilson, M.D. (Glasgow.)

### ANNUAL ADDRESS. BY H. OLDHAM, M.D., PRESIDENT.

During the past year, 41 new Fellows had joined the Society, making the present number of Fellows 535. Amongst these were gentlemen from the most distant colonies. The character of the debates, the authority of its judgment on disputed points, the large sale of the Society's *Transactions*, all showed its popularity, and the estimation in which it was held by the profession. He doubted whether those who still withheld their presence from the Society rightly measured the great interest felt by practitioners in all relating to obstetric practice. The independent and

which, indeed, Desmarres, the originator of the operation, so successfully employed it.\* This affection appears to ensue as a consequence of the inflammatory action extending from the choroid to the iris, and ultimately to the retina. Such cases, in the early stage, very much resemble glaucoma, and quickly run on to closure of the pupil or total destruction of vision. It is, therefore, incumbent upon us to make a free iridectomy. The details of Desmarres's method of performing this operation will be found at page 263, last edition of my *Manual of Ophthalmoscopic Surgery*.

I am, etc., JABEZ HOGG,  
Assistant-Surgeon to the Royal Westminster  
Ophthalmic Hospital.

1, Bedford Square, January 18th, 1864.

## Medical News.

**APOTHECARIES' HALL.** On January 14th, the following Licentiates were admitted:—

Reeve, Frederick Joseph, Holbrook, Ipswich  
Ryley, James Bredin Beresford, Rectory, Myshal, co. Carlow

### APPOINTMENTS.

\*BURROWS, George, M.D., F.R.S., appointed Honorary Consulting-Physician to St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

MALCOLM, Robert B., M.D., appointed Physician to the Fettes College, Edinburgh.

**THE PRINCE OF WALES'S HOUSEHOLD.** His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has been pleased to make the following appointments.

FARRE, Arthur, M.D., F.R.S. } to be Physician-Accoucheurs to  
\*GREAM, George T., M.D. } H.R.H. the Princess of Wales.

### POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICE.

BRADSHAW, Samuel, Esq., to the Halford District of the Shipston-on-Stour Union, Worcestershire.

HUGHES, David, Esq., to the Eastern District of the Corwen Union, Merionethshire and Denbighshire.

MACKENZIE, George W., Esq., to the Croxton District and the Workhouse of the Thetford Union, Norfolk.

NELSON, Samuel, jun., Esq., to the Acomb District of the Great Ouseburn Union, Yorkshire.

PREST, William, Esq., to the Colsterworth District of the Grantham Union, Lincolnshire.

RAYNER, Alfred P., Esq., to the Shawbury District of the Wem Union, Shropshire.

### ARMY.

BARCLAY, Staff-Surgeon A., M.D., having completed 20 years' full-pay service, to be Surgeon-Major.

CAROLAN, Assistant-Surgeon G. McG., 72nd Foot, to be Staff-Assistant-Surgeon, *vice* T. R. Williams, M.B.

DAVIDSON, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon P., M.D., to be Staff-Surgeon.

GOON, Assistant-Surgeon J., 43rd Foot, to be Staff-Assistant-Surgeon, *vice* H. Crump, M.D.

GRANT, Assistant-Surgeon R. A. P., to be Staff-Assistant-Surgeon, *vice* W. Holmes.

HENRY, Assistant-Surgeon R., 91st Foot, to be Staff-Assistant-Surgeon, *vice* P. Davidson, M.D.

MORIARTY, T., Esq., to be Staff-Assistant-Surgeon.

WILLIAMS, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon T. R., M.B., to be Staff-Surgeon, *vice* F. L. Fitzgerald.

### INDIAN ARMY.

COWPER, Assistant-Surgeon J., Madras Army, to be Surgeon.

DIXON, Assistant-Surgeon E., Madras Army, to be Surgeon.

**VOLUNTEERS, (A.V. = Artillery Volunteers; R.V. = Rifle Volunteers):—**

BAINES, M., M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon 1st Middlesex Engineer Volunteers.

DODGLAS, W. T., Esq., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon 1st Oxfordshire Light Horse Volunteers.

DUCE, J., Esq., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon 54th Staffordshire R.V.

FINCH, R., M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon 1st Administrative Battalion Kent R.V.

\* Von Gräfe has been so constantly referred to as the originator of iridectomy, that it is well I should remind the profession that the eminent French oculist Desmarres devised and practised the operation for the relief of *irido-choroiditis*, long before the first-named surgeon took it up.

JONES, G. J., Esq., to be Assistant-Surgeon 7th Essex R.V.  
PHELPS, W. H. G., M.D., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon 4th Somersetshire R.V.  
PROPERT, John L., Esq., to be Surgeon City of London R.V. Battalion.

### DEATHS.

DUNCAN, Alexander, Esq., formerly Superintending Surgeon, Bombay Army, at Ladbroke Villas, Notting Hill, on January 13.

HARDWICK, Robert G., M.D., at Leeds, aged 80, on January 13.

HARRISON. On January 17th, at Manchester, aged 5, George M., eldest son of \*G. M. Harrison, Esq.

KELSON. On January 14th, at Sevenoaks, aged 25, Frederick M., third son of \*George Kelson, Esq.

SLEIGH. On January 16th, at Bayswater, Sarah, widow of William W. Sleigh, M.D.

SYMONS. On January 12th, at St. Colme Street, Edinburgh, Harriet, widow of the late John Symons, M.D. Dumfries.

VANCE. On January 9th, at St. Saviour's, Jersey, aged 76, Julia, widow of Richard Y. Vance, M.D., late Surgeon to the Forces.

WHITTLE, Edward H., Esq., surgeon, at Brenchly, Kent, aged 44 on January 15.

M. TARDIEU has been appointed Dean of the Paris Faculty of Medicine in the place M. of Rayer.

THE HEREFORD COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM is about to be enlarged.

DR. BURROWS has been elected Honorary Consulting Physician to St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

THE SURGICAL SOCIETY OF PARIS has elected Mr. Paget, Mr. Hodgson of London, and Mr. R. Adams of Dublin, foreign associates.

THE MEDICAL COUNCIL. Dr. Quain has been appointed one of the treasurers of the Medical Council, in place of Dr. Burrows. Dr. Sharpey is his colleague.

THE LEEDS HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN. An alteration has been made in the laws of this hospital, whereby the addition of an assistant-surgeon is to be made to the staff.

THE OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY has now existed for five years; and is in a flourishing condition. Its income has yearly increased, having been £336 in 1860, and £546 in 1863. Its progress has, we should imagine, exceeded even the expectation of its originators.

THE FRASER AND ANDREWS DEFENCE FUND. We are glad to be able to announce that about £350 of subscriptions have been received or promised towards the payment of the legal expenses of the above named gentlemen.

DEATH OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF IRELAND. It is with great regret we announce the death of this inestimable and esteemed member of our profession. Dr. Smyly was apparently in the enjoyment of excellent health until a few days ago, when he was seized with a severe attack of pneumonia which rapidly proceeded to a fatal issue, and on the 19th inst., deprived us of an admirable surgeon, an excellent and upright man; and the College of Surgeons of one of its most distinguished officers. (*Dub. Med. Press.*)

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE NAVY. We lately announced that the health of director-general of the medical department of the navy, Sir John Liddell, C.B., had been in a very indifferent state, but that he was convalescent. It now seems that Sir John was desirous of obtaining three months leave of absence for the purpose of proceeding abroad to recruit, and made application to that effect to the Admiralty, but the indulgence was refused to him, and it was suggested that, as he had reached an advanced period of life, he should resign an appointment which requires very close attention to master its details. The suggestion will naturally be adopted. No successor to Sir John Liddell has been as yet, we believe, definitively fixed upon; but the names of Dr. Hilditch, Dr. Deas, and Dr. Bryson, have been mentioned. (*Army and Navy Gazette.*)

**DEATH OF DR. HENRY HOBART.** It is with the most unaffected sorrow we announce the death of Dr. Henry Hobart, who has fallen a victim to disease contracted in the discharge of his duty as dispensary physician in this city. He was attacked by malignant typhus fever, against which he struggled for more than a fortnight. Dr. Hobart is the second medical man who has been sacrificed to the duties of dispensary physician in his district of the city within the last two years—Dr. Bernard, while acting as his *locum tenens* during his temporary absence, having contracted a fatal typhus fever. (*Cork Examiner*.)

**CLERICAL, MEDICAL, AND GENERAL ASSURANCE SOCIETY.** The following arrangements, rendered necessary by the lamented death of the late Chairman, Joseph Henry Green, Esq., D.C.L., F.R.S., have been made in the direction of this Society. The Right Hon. J. R. Mowbray, M.P., has been appointed Chairman; William Bowman, Esq., F.R.S. and Sir Charles Locock, Bart., Deputy Chairmen; and James Paget, Esq., F.R.S., has been elected to fill the vacant seat at the Board. The other Medical Directors who, with the three last named, make up the number required by the Deed of Constitution, are H. W. Acland, M.D., F.R.S., Patrick Black, M.D., James Dunlop, M.D., Arthur Farre, M.D., F.R.S., and Alexander J. Sutherland, M.D., F.R.S.

**ROYAL INSTITUTION.** The following lectures are appointed for delivery:—January 26th and 28th, Professor Tyndall, F.R.S., "On Experimental Optics;" January 29th, W. R. Grove, Esq., "On Boiling Water;" January 30th, John Lubbock, Esq., F.R.S., "On the Antiquity of Man." The following are the probable arrangements for the Friday evening meetings before Easter 1864:—Jan. 22nd, W. R. Grove, Esq., "On Boiling Water;" Jan. 29th, Professor Frankland, "On the Glacial Epoch;" Feb. 5th, J. A. Froude, Esq., "On the Science of History;" Feb. 12th, Professor Wanklyn, "On the Synthesis of Organic Bodies;" Feb. 19th, W. S. Savory, Esq., "On Dreaming and Somnambulism, in their relation to the Functions of certain Nerve-centres;" Feb. 26th, J. Prestwich, Esq., "On the Quaternary Flint Implements of Abbeville, Amiens, Hoxne, etc., their Geological Position and History;" March 4th, Professor Stokes, "On the Discrimination of Organic Bodies by their Optical Properties;" March 11th, The Rev. W. H. Brookfield, M.A., "On the Use of Books." (*Chemical News*.)

**TREATMENT OF ARMY-SURGEONS IN AMERICA.** The *American Medical Times* gives the following account of the treatment of army doctors in a model republic. "We regret to add that there has not only been no advance of the army medical department in the favour of government, but that its position is to-day more anomalous and humiliating than ever. The Surgeon-General is an exile from his official seat without known cause; and all the affairs of the department are, without preparation or consultation, intrusted to other hands. Medical directors still occupy most subordinate positions. Their rank is most inferior, and they have only advisory powers. The regimental surgeon, still more isolated, faithfully follows his command to the field of conflict, participates in all its dangers and hardships, but without the slightest encouragement of being rewarded by promotion. He sees inferior officers of the line rise from position to position for meritorious services, but no such distinction ever awaits him, though he spend a lifetime in the army, and serve on a thousand battle-fields."

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.** The annual course of lectures will be commenced in the theatre of this institution on Tuesday, the 2nd proximo, by Professor Huxley, who will deliver twenty-four lectures on the

Structure and Classification of the Mammalia. At the conclusion of this course, Professor Fergusson will deliver his lectures on Human Anatomy and Surgery. The lectures, as usual, will be delivered on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, at four o'clock. No Hunterian Oration will be delivered in February; this is now a biennial affair. It is stated that, at the examinations on Anatomy and Physiology during the past week, no fewer than ten out of thirty-nine candidates were rejected the first day, and seven out of thirty-four the second day. The election of an examiner in the vacancy occasioned by the decease of Mr. Green, was to take place yesterday (Friday), when it was generally expected that the choice would fall upon Mr. Hilton, in which case a vacancy will occur in the Examining Board of the University of London.

**THE IRISH CANDIDATE AND THE ENGLISH EXAMINER.** At a recent examination for army commissions, the candidate was an Irishman, and the examiner, I believe, Professor Paget. *Examiner*—Well, now. Infantine syphilis in a very delicate child; how would you treat that? *Candidate*—Treat that! Shure, I'd give it mercury. *Examiner*—But how would you give mercury to an infant two months old? *Candidate*—Oh, I'd salivate a she-goat and give it the milk. *Examiner*—Well, I never heard of that before. *Candidate*—Didn't you? Why, we do it every day in Dublin. The candidate obtained his commission, for he was evidently an original thinking man." (*Dublin Medical Press*.)

#### OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

**MONDAY.**.....Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 1.15 P.M.—Samaritan, 2.30 P.M.  
**TUESDAY.**....Guy's, 1½ P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.  
**WEDNESDAY.**...St. Mary's, 1 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.  
**THURSDAY.**....St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—London Surgical Home, 2 P.M.—Royal Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.  
**FRIDAY.**.....Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.  
**SATURDAY.**....St. Thomas's, 1 P.M.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1.30 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 P.M.—Lock, Clinical Demonstration and Operations, 1 P.M.—Royal Free, 1.30 P.M.

#### MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

**MONDAY.** Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Mr. Walter J. Coulson, "On Lithotripsy."  
**TUESDAY.** Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8 P.M. Dr. Habershon, "On Effects of Implication of the Pneumogastric Nerve in Aneurismal Tumours (conclusion); Dr. John Harley, "On the Endemic Hematuria of the Cape of Good Hope"; Mr. Callender, "Account of Amputations at St Bartholomew's Hospital, 1855-63."  
**WEDNESDAY.** Royal College of Physicians, 5 P.M. Dr. Garrod, "The British Pharmacopoeia: its Construction, its Comparison with the London Pharmacopoeia, and the Value of its New Remedies in the Treatment of Disease."  
**FRIDAY.** Royal College of Physicians, 5 P.M. Dr. Garrod, "The British Pharmacopoeia: its Construction, its Comparison with the London Pharmacopoeia, and the Value of its New Remedies in the Treatment of Disease."

#### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

\*.\* All letters and communications for the JOURNAL, to be addressed to the EDITOR, 37, Great Queen St., Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

CORRESPONDENTS, who wish notice to be taken of their communications, should authenticate them with their names—of course not necessarily for publication.

IN the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of November 21st, 1863, we stated that the attorney for the plaintiff in the action brought against Dr. Philbrick, at Leamington, had been struck off the rolls. We inserted the remark on the strength of information the truth of which we had no reason to doubt. We now, however, find that our information was wholly untrue, and therefore at once hasten to contradict the statement, and to say that we deeply regret having given insertion to it, and having thus been unwittingly led into injuring the feelings of Mr. Overell of Leamington, the gentleman referred to; whose character, we are glad to learn, stands too well in his own town to have sustained any injury from the mistake.—EDITOR OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL.

ERRATUM.—In Mr. F. Jordan's letter in last week's JOURNAL, page 82, column 1, line 12, for "*glands of the eyeball*," read "*fluids of the eyeball*."

POOR-LAW GUARDIANS AND BONE-SETTERS.—A correspondent calls our attention to the following order for payment, which appears in a country paper under the head "The Board of Guardians of Peterborough." We recommend the item to the attention of the Poor-Law Board. "A claim of £4:4 from Mr. Mason, Wisbech, for bone-setting, was presented, and ordered to be paid."

ERRATUM.—Dr. H. G. Wright, of Somerset Street, Portman Square, is the Treasurer of the Fund to be applied to the liquidation of the debts of the Medical Registration Society, and not Mr. Lavies.

IRIDECTOMY.—We beg to state, in reference to numerous letters which we have received on this subject, that, considering the purely scientific character of the discussion, we can in future insert no letters to which the names of the writers are not appended.

T. S.—*Pogonotrophy* means, we suppose, the cultivation of the beard. Dr. Belcher lately delivered a lecture at the Association of the College of Physicians in Dublin, on "The Hygienic Aspect of Pogonotrophy." We, of course, applaud the use of such terms, because they attract attention, and strike awe into the mind of the public. Who would listen to a lecture "On the Uses of the Beard?"

F. S.—Medical journalists are not omniscient, and some of them less stuffed with correct information than others. The journal in question made a complete error, and did the College an injustice. The right under which Dr. Gibbon claimed his fee was not, as the journal said, a bye-law of the College of Physicians; the right was obtained under the Medical Act, which gave to all registered medical practitioners the legal power of obtaining their fees. But the Medical Act also gave Colleges of Physicians the power of passing a bye-law whereby they could restrain their fellows and members from availing themselves of the privilege. Of this permission, the London College availed itself, so far as regards its fellows. It is therefore a simple error to say, that "this right arises from a bye-law of the College, and that it is likely to lower the status of the physician in the eyes of the public." We hope the journal referred to will put itself right with the College and the profession by correcting its error.

ANENKEPHALOUS MONSTER.—SIR: Some little time ago, I was engaged by a woman in this locality to attend her in her approaching confinement. She told me that she had suffered very severely in this her fourth pregnancy. She was very large; much larger, she said, than on any previous occasion. She had two children living, both tolerably healthy; at one confinement, the child died a few hours after birth, and she afterwards suffered from phlegmasia dolens.

On the evening of December 29th, 1863, I was called to her; I found that she had been in labour some time; that the os was fully dilated, and the membranes unbroken; they, however, were ruptured at the commencement of my examination, and the floor was immediately flooded by an enormous quantity of liquor amnii. On resuming my examination, I found the child's head very low down, but of a most extraordinary shape—only by the ears and nose could I identify it. A very few pains were sufficient to expel the child, and then I found it to be a complete female specimen of the anenkephalous monster. The eyes were exceedingly prominent; the skull running back from the superciliary ridge; the back part of the head and the base of the skull covered by a dark red membrane, continuous with the integument; the body in every other respect was well developed.

Should you think this case worthy of publication, I shall be obliged to you for the space it will take up in your JOURNAL.

I am, etc., W. ROBERT ROBERTS, M.R.C.S.Eng.  
Barnetby, Lincolnshire, January 2nd, 1864.

ICE IN MEDICINE.—SIR: As I have for some years employed ice as a prophylactic in medicine and surgery, and have noticed the practice of others, and the writings thereon by some celebrated men, it appears to me that the absence of abundant supply of the article in this kingdom in our fresh-water reservoirs is too evident, and that the assistance of mercantile enterprise would justly be invited to supply the present inadequate supply. The principle of medicine is evidently vastly altered within my experience of thirty-five years; consequently, substitutes have been offered for bleeding, opium, and mercury, in the uses of belladonna, tin splints, and ice, which are now fairly proposed for public examination.

I am, etc., WILLIAM PARKER, M.R.C.S., L.A.C.  
Bath, January 15th, 1864.

P.S. The tin splints are now in the Museum of Patents amongst originals; and notice of them is made in the first catalogue of this national establishment; consequently, they will live beyond the age of any child living; and they are daily in use by myself on any and every part of the body.

THE DRUGGIST'S COMPLAINT.—SIR: Seeing an extract from a "druggist's complaint" in your JOURNAL of January 2nd, may I ask if the medical profession is wholly free from blame in this matter? None can doubt but that the druggist's duty is as dispenser, seller of drugs and other etc.; then why do medical men do so much of this shop-work, or any, seeing respectable and educated chemists are now to be found all over England? Practitioners in Scotland, I believe, prescribe for their patients, and leave to the druggist the compounding of the drugs. Can this not be done south of the Tweed? Even men holding underpaid public appointments, union or other, may make a very satisfactory arrangement with the chemist. Of course, a better class practice would well cover its expenses, and the best would pay its own druggist's bill.

I cannot help feeling that it is in vain to expect the chemist to act honestly towards us, unless we act honestly towards him. "Do as we would be done by," here again should be our rule.

I am, etc., PERCY LESLIE, M.D.  
8, Windsor Terrace, Eastbourne, Sussex, Jan. 15, 1864.

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—MR. OLIVER PENDERTON; MR. DAYMAN; DR. A. T. H. WATERS; MR. WILLIAM COPNEY; MR. F. JORDAN; DR. MALCOLM; MR. SPROULE; MR. HENRY LEE; DR. C. HOLMAN; THE REGISTRAR OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON; DR. ROUTH; MR. ROWLES; B. W.; MR. WILLIAM BOWMAN; G. D. R. M'C.; DR. BADER; MR. DIXON; MR. CUTCLIFFE; DR. W. H. DAY; DR. ADDISON; MR. PYLE; MR. JABEZ HOGG; DR. LATHAM; DR. MAUDSLEY; THE HON. SECRETARY OF THE ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY; MR. WILLIAM EDDOWES, JUN.; MR. T. F. EDWARDS; MR. W. PARKER; DR. P. LESLIE; MR. NUNNELEY; DR. GILLIBRAND; DR. KIDD; MR. T. M. STONE; DR. S. BROWNE; MR. SOLOMON; and DR. E. C. SEATON.

## ADVERTISEMENTS.

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**Letter on Corpulence,**  
Addressed to the Public. By WILLIAM BANTING.  
London: HARRISON, 59, Pall Mall, Bookseller to Her Majesty and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

## University of St. Andrew's.—

The Degree of DOCTOR OF MEDICINE will, under the new Regulations be conferred annually on TEN Registered Medical Practitioners, above the age of forty years, whose professional position and experience are such as, in the estimation of the University, to entitle them to that Degree, and who shall, on examination, satisfy the Medical Examiners of the sufficiency of their professional knowledge. Details regarding the nature and extent of the Examinations, which will be held during the last week of April, may be obtained on application to Dr. BELL, Professor of Medicine.

By order of the Senatus Academicus,

ALEXANDER MUIR, Secretary.

St. Andrew's, January 14th, 1864.

## University of St. Andrew's.—

The EXAMINATIONS for the Degree of BACHELOR OF MEDICINE and MASTER in SURGERY will be held on the last week of April.

Students who have completed their second year may offer themselves for Examinations in Chemistry, Botany, Anatomy, and Materia Medica.

No one will be admitted to either of the above Degrees who has not spent two of his four Winter Sessions at one or more of the following Universities, viz., St. Andrew's, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Oxford, Cambridge, and Dublin, or at one or more of the Queen's Colleges, Ireland.

By order of the Senatus Academicus,

ALEXANDER MUIR, Secretary.

St. Andrew's, January 14th, 1864.