

Bird. Such accidents, however, might be always averted, or nearly always, if people would but have the caution of not walking or riding out far (and especially towards Yedo), excepting in parties of at least three, all armed with revolvers. Attacks of this kind have, in nearly every case, been made upon defenceless persons.

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY CLUB.

THE success of this union of the graduates and members of the University of Edinburgh is very remarkable. Already the Club, not yet one year old, numbers two hundred; and, before the year is out, we may be sure it will reach to at least three hundred. On Saturday last, the Club had a most successful reunion at Willis's Rooms. Between sixty and seventy members of the University sat down to a dinner, where haggis and whisky were not forgotten. Dr. Christison presided, and was flanked and supported by Dr. Roget, Dr. Copland, Mr. Syme, Dr. Andrew Wood, and numerous eminent representatives of the army and navy medical services, as well as of civil practice. Dr. Christison and Mr. Syme received from their former pupils an ovation which could not fail to have been deeply gratifying to them. As was remarked by one of those present on the occasion, nothing is more characteristic of the teaching of the professors of the Edinburgh University than this, that the students leave the University not only imbued with respect and admiration for their teachers, but also with feelings of deep and lasting friendship towards them.

CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS BILLS. The select committee on the Chemists and Druggists Bills is composed of the following members:—Sir Fitzroy Kelly, Sir J. Shelley, Lord Elcho, Mr. Baring, Dr. Brady, Mr. H. Russell, Mr. C. Wynn, Mr. Ayrton, Mr. Sclater-Booth, Mr. Cox, Mr. Schneider, Sir J. Ferguson, Mr. C. Forster, Mr. Roebuck, and Mr. Black.

A COUNTRY HOSPITAL AND SISTERHOOD NURSES. The committee of the General Hospital in Bristol have almost surpassed their neighbours in Gloucester in prejudice and intolerance. As the nursing of that hospital was acknowledged to be defective, and as an amendment ought always to follow upon admission of evil, an effort was made to introduce the system of nursing which has for several years been carried on successfully in University and King's College Hospitals, and recently in that at Charing Cross. It was proposed that a sisterhood should undertake the nursing of the Bristol General Hospital upon a system similar to that which was found to succeed so admirably, and although the highest and most reliable testimony was given to the practical advantages which had followed the adoption of this system in those hospitals, while the obvious and serious disadvantages perpetually arising from the deficiencies of their own, were avowedly experienced and openly regretted, the people of Bristol, or at any rate their representatives on the Hospital Committee, have set aside this proposition, and have declined to give it a trial, out of a servile deference to the clamour of senseless bigotry. In other words, they have sacrificed the true interests of a great public institution to prejudice. (*The Church Times*.)

Association Intelligence.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: WEST KENT DISTRICT MEETINGS.

THE next meeting will be held at Dartford, on Friday, April 28th, at 3.50 P.M.

Dinner at 5.

Flaxman Spurrell, Esq., will preside.

Further particulars will be given next week.

FREDERICK J. BROWN, M.D., *Hon. Sec.*

Rochester, April 12th, 1865.

Medical News.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON. At a general meeting of the Fellows, held on Monday, April 10th, 1865,

Watson, Thomas, M.D.Cantab., D.C.L.Oxon.,

was unanimously re-elected President of the College for the ensuing year.

At the same meeting, the following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examination, were duly admitted members of the College:—

Brodie, George Bernard, M.D.St.Andrews, 10, Bolton Row

Gee, Samuel Jones, M.B.Lond., 46, Queen Anne Street

Shore, Olley Bohun, M.D.Edin., Stamford

Thurgar, Benjamin Bingay, M.D.Edin., 35, York Street, Port-

man Square

Warter, John Southey, M.D.Edin., 23, Frederick Street, Gray's

Inn Road

At the same meeting, the following gentlemen were reported by the examiners to have passed the *first part* of the Professional Examination for the Licence of the College:—

Davies, Nathaniel E., St. Bartholomew's Hospital

Harwood, Alfred, Guy's Hospital

Hallett, Lyttelton, St. Bartholomew's Hospital

Jackson, Mowbray, St. Bartholomew's Hospital

King, Osmer, Guy's Hospital

Leverton, Edward James, St. Bartholomew's Hospital

Mules, Philip Henry, St. George's Hospital

Nettleship, Edward, King's College

Orme, Campbell, St. Bartholomew's Hospital

Reid, Lestock Holland, St. Bartholomew's Hospital

Richards, William Alsept, King's College

Tattersall, William James, St. Bartholomew's Hospital

Tibbitts, Herbert, St. Bartholomew's Hospital

Tindale, Wentworth Raynes, St. George's Hospital

Truman, Samuel John, Guy's Hospital

Upton, Herbert Chrippes, St. Bartholomew's Hospital

Wright, Matthew Hall, Birmingham

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND. At the meeting of the Council, on April 5th, the following were admitted Fellows of the College.

Griffith, William, Oswestry

Snape, Richard Forth, Bolton-le-Moors

APOTHECARIES' HALL. On March 30th, 1865, the following Licentiates were admitted:—

Brewer, Charles Claridge, City Road

Burrell, Edwin, Westley, Bury St. Edmunds

Sturton, Hubert Wilson South, Trafalgar Road, Greenwich

Williams, John, University College

As an Assistant:—

Lloyd, John, George Street, Cardiff

Admitted on April 6th—

Busby, Ralph Alexander, Royal Free Hospital

Douglas, George Cox, Grantham, Lincolnshire

Evans, Edward Charles, Cardiff, South Wales

Harris, Charles James, King William Street, Charing Cross

Herbert, Henry Edward, Charing Cross Hospital

Morgan, Lewis Wayne, The Hafod, Pontypridd, Glamorganshire

Ruffe, Frederick, Tamworth

Stuckey, John, Langport, Somersetshire

Wright, Charles James, East Parade, Leeds

At the same Court, the following passed the first examination:—

Coalbank, Isaac, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Cuddeford, Thomas, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Finch, John E. M., St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Fisher, Frederic Richard, St. George's Hospital
Hay, Thomas Bell, University College Hospital
Sherwin, John, King's College Hospital
Tattersall, William James, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Upton, Herbert Chrippes, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Wright, Matthew Hall, Sydenham College, Birmingham

APPOINTMENTS.

ARMY.

BOURKE, Assistant-Surgeon G. T., 51st Foot, to be Staff-Assistant-Surgeon, *vice* R. W. Lawless.
BURNSIDE, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon G. S., to be Assistant-Surgeon 51st Foot, *vice* G. S. Bourke.
KERANS, Assistant-Surgeon W. R., Supernumerary in 19th Foot, to be Assistant-Surgeon 11th Foot.
LAWLESS, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon R. W., to be Assistant-Surgeon 23rd Foot, *vice* F. A. Turton.
MULLINS, Staff-Surgeon-Major J., to be Surgeon 2nd Dragoons, *vice* Surgeon-Major A. P. Lockwood.
SWAN, Surgeon W. G., M.D., 16th Foot, to be Surgeon-Major, having completed twenty years' full-pay service.
TURTON, Assistant-Surgeon F. A., 23rd Foot, to be Assistant-Surgeon Royal Artillery, *vice* R. White.

ROYAL NAVY.

BERNARD, Robert, Esq., Staff-Surgeon, to the *President*.
BLAKE, Frederick W., M.D., Surgeon, to the *Narcissus*.
BOLTON, Abraham J., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Frederick William*.
DOBYN, John S., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Narcissus*.
GRANT, William, M.D., Acting Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Mutine*.
HANBURY, Ingham, Esq., Assistant-Surgeon (addit.), to the *Sutlej*.
HILSTON, Duncan, M.D., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Victory*.
MARTIN, James, M.D., Surgeon, to the *Mutine*.
MARTIN, J. H., Esq., Acting Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Narcissus*.
WATSON, Alexander, M.D., to be Surgeon-Superintendent of the *Racehorse* convict-ship.

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

BENNETT, G. H., Esq., to be Surgeon 1st Northumberland A.V.
DAVIS, A. A., Esq., to be Surgeon 1st Administrative Brigade Cornwall A.V.
LITTLETON, W., Esq., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon 22nd Cornwall R.V.
SHIPMAN, R., Esq., to be Assistant-Surgeon 3rd Lincolnshire R.V.

DEATH.

MACKENZIE, Frederick W., M.D., at 11, Chester Place, Hyde Park Square, aged 48, on April 3.

A NEW HOSPITAL. The erection of a small hospital at Petworth is in contemplation.

MR. HESTER has resigned the surgeoncy of the Oxford Infirmary.

DR. COBBOLD has been engaged by the College of Surgeons to remodel the collection of entozoa in the museum.

SOCIETY FOR RELIEF OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF MEDICAL MEN. The seventy-seventh anniversary dinner of this Society will be held at the Albion Tavern, in Aldersgate Street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at half-past six o'clock; Martin Ware, Esq., President, in the Chair.

THE RUSSIAN EPIDEMIC. The Medical Department of the Council have already despatched Dr. Whitley to St. Petersburg, and Dr. Sanderson to Dantsic and Elbing, to report upon the alarming epidemic. Dr. Thudichum will proceed to another chief seat of the disease. (*Observer*.)

CONSANGUINEOUS MARRIAGES. The general feeling of the people, as communicated to me, is distinctly against consanguineous marriages, which they regard as "bad for the offspring." One shrewd old woman, however, added this important remark,—"But I'll tell ye what, Doctor, bairns that's hungert i' their youth aye gang wrang. That's faur waur nor sib marriages." (*Dr. Mitchell*.)

ROYAL NAVY. The sum of £64,800 has been voted for medical stores.

A VILLAGE HOSPITAL is being built at Capel, Surrey, at the expense of a benevolent lady.

PRIZES OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS. At a meeting of the Council on the 6th inst., a Jacksonian Prize was awarded to Mr. William Adams, F.R.C.S., of Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, Surgeon to the Royal Orthopædic Hospital, for the best essay on Club-Foot, its Causes, Pathology, and Treatment; and a special *honorarium* was also awarded to Mr. John Crown Agnis, F.R.C.S., Surgeon to the Royal Horse Guards, as the author of the next best essay on the same subject. The other Jacksonian Prize was awarded to Mr. Thomas Annandale, formerly of Newcastle-on-Tyne, but now of Edinburgh, for his essay on the Malformations, Diseases, and Injuries of the Fingers and Toes, with their Surgical Treatment. There were no competitors for the Collegial Triennial Prize on the Structural Anatomy and Physiology of the Lymphatic Glands and Vessels; nor for the other Jacksonian Prize, on the Diseases of the Ankle-joint, and of the Joints and Bones of the Tarsus, requiring Surgical Treatment.

TESTIMONIAL TO DR. COOKWORTHY. A very handsome library chair has been presented to Dr. Cookworthy by some of the patients of the Plymouth Public Dispensary, as a mark of their estimate of his kind attention, during more than half a century, to the afflicted poor of that town. At the head of the chair, amid carved oak-leaves, is placed a silver-gilt shield bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Dr. Cookworthy by the patients of the Plymouth Public Dispensary, as a token of gratitude for the valuable services rendered for a period of fifty years. February 7th, 1865." In the year 1848, the governors of the dispensary commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of the institution, by placing Dr. Cookworthy's portrait in the physician's room, and by giving him a valuable tea service; and again on his retirement, after fifty years' tenure of office, presented him with an elegant and costly table centre-piece.

THE PRITCHARD CASE. From all we can learn amid the close secrecy preserved it would appear that the quantitative analysis in the case of Mrs. Pritchard is nearly, if not quite, completed, with the result, we hear, of showing that exceptionally large quantities of tartar emetic or tartarised antimony were lodged in the tissues, especially of the stomach. The extent to which the body appears saturated with the drug would seem to indicate that its administration had extended over a long period. In explanation of the erroneous rumour regarding the deceased lady, to the effect that she was in the habit of using wine, we may mention that it may not be shown that during her fatal illness, the delirium of an apparent fever was induced by the administration of sparkling wines and anæsthetics. At the first there would appear to have been, among scientific men, a suspicion that monkshood had been an agent in the death of Mrs. Pritchard; but it is understood that this suspicion has not been supported by the analysis. On Friday Professor Penny of the Andersonian University, Glasgow, visited Edinburgh, having been called in by the authorities to aid in the investigation, with the view, if required, to corroborate evidence. With regard to the inquiry into the causes of the death of Mrs. Taylor, the authorities in Glasgow have received a communication from Edinburgh, to the effect, we believe, that the appearances presented in the body of the deceased lady were not of the nature that might have been expected had

death resulted from paralysis or apoplexy, as certified by Dr. Pritchard when he registered death. This report, however, of course, has no application to the chemical analysis of the organs of the late Mrs. Taylor, which is now only in process. (*Scotsman*.)

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.
TUESDAY....Guy's, 1½ P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.
WEDNESDAY...St. Mary's, 1 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 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.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.
FRIDAY.....Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.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.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

TUESDAY. Pathological Society of London, 8 P.M.—Statistical.—Anthropological, 8 P.M.
WEDNESDAY. Meteorological.
THURSDAY. Harveian Society of London, 8 P.M.—Royal.—Zoological.—Linnean.—Chemical.
FRIDAY. Royal Institute.

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.

COMMUNICATIONS.—To prevent a not uncommon misconception, we beg to inform our correspondents that, as a rule, all communications which are not returned to their authors, are retained for publication.

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

ERRATUM.—In Dr. Noble's letter on Medical Evidence, at p. 361, it is printed: "No assumption either of 'undoubted importance' on the one side, or of 'disastrous mischief' on the other." For *importance* read *impotence*.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.—The meeting of this Society, which was fixed for Monday, April 17th, is postponed until Monday, April 24th.

MR. JAMES DOWIE, whose name is doubtless known to some of our readers as one who has long earnestly attempted to get mankind to wear rational shoes, has just published a little pamphlet to enforce his views. It is called "On the Motions of the Human Feet, and the Means of Preserving them Unimpaired, being the Philosophy of Shoemaking."

MEDICAL LATINITY.—At a late examination at a College of Physicians, one of the candidates, who had to translate a passage from Celsus, in which were the words *cubare molliter*, wrote them down as "smoke slightly". No doubt, the gentleman must have been under the influence of a Cuba at the time. We are surprised that he did not render the preceding words in a like fashion. *Oportet conquiescere* might just as fairly have been turned into "go to bed on a bottle of port". If our readers will turn to the Reports of Examinations by Army and Navy Directors, in to-day's JOURNAL, they will probably come to the conclusion, that primary education amongst medical students is in a retrograde state of development. Does the fact of the College of Physicians giving up its Latin oration, illustrate this condition of the modern medical mind?

THE ENDOSCOPE.—Dr. Dick has referred to the Endoscope of M. Desormeaux, in his Monograph on Gleet; and also in the *Transactions of the Pathological Society* for 1863, p. 196.

TYPHUS OR PLAGUE.—T. W. writes: "Our best pathologists regard typhus fever and plague as similar diseases—the latter being only an intensified form of typhus. Your correspondent Dr. Barclay seems to have overlooked this in his argument, that the disappearance of plague from this country is a proof of change of type in diseases. Dr. Murchison, in his work on Fevers, points out the similarity between the two diseases, and expresses his opinion that 'plague is probably the typhus of warm climates'. At the present moment, when the public mind is excited by plaguey telegrams, it may be well to notice this fact. I have heard also, that Clot Bey (the French doctor naturalised in Egypt), when he once visited the Fever Hospital of London, remarked upon a case of typhus which he saw there: That if it had occurred in Egypt, he should have called it a case of plague."

GOVERNMENT INSURANCE FEES.—SIR: Could not the example of the Metropolitan Counties Branch be followed up by a memorial, signed by our President and by Sir Charles Hastings, on behalf of the Association? Is it not also a question for the Colleges? The money loss to the profession is a small part of the business. By quietly submitting to this proposal, we confess that a detailed medical report (involving sometimes an hour's labour, sometimes more) is worth from 2s. 6d. to 5s. If this be so, how can I consistently decline "taking less than a guinea". I have done this hitherto, and done it effectually, feeling that if my report was not worth a guinea, it ought to be; but there must be some mistake, if the seven hundred and the *Lancet* are right. Who am I, that I should say my opinion is eight, or even four times as good, as that of my neighbour, Dr. Smith? But, whatever is done, let us avoid the mistake of making it a doctor's grievance: it is a public question. Let it be plainly seen that we wish to help the Government; that we admit the difficulty; but, at the same time, we feel it due to our profession to protest against a tariff which will infallibly issue in obtaining and encouraging inferior service. We wish the work to be well done, that is all.

I am sorry to see the *Medical Times and Gazette* countenancing the indignity. I am, etc.,
 Derby, April 3rd, 1865. WILLIAM OGLE, M.D.

THE GRIFFIN TESTIMONIAL FUND.—SIR: The following subscriptions have been further received on behalf of the above Fund:—Richard Grimby, Esq. (Banbury), £1; Richard Mallam, Esq. (Banbury), per Mr. Grimby, 5s.; Jeremiah McGreal, Esq. (Banbury), per Mr. Grimby, 5s.; Thomas Elkington, Esq. (Southam), per Mr. Grimby, 10s.

Amount previously announced, £129 : 3 : 6.

I am, etc.,

ROBERT FOWLER, M.D.,

Treasurer and Hon. Sec.

145, Bishopsgate Street Without, April 12th, 1865.

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Mr. WILLIAM COPNEY; Dr. DURRANT; THE HONORARY SECRETARIES OF THE BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH; Dr. F. J. BROWN; THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE WESTERN MEDICAL AND SURGICAL SOCIETY; Dr. B. W. RICHARDSON; THE SECRETARY OF THE ODONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY; Dr. RADFORD; Mr. GAMGEE; Dr. NOBLE; Mr. JOHN CLAY; Dr. T. J. WALKER; Mr. STEELE; Rev. J. INGLE; THE REGISTRAR OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON; Dr. BEREND; Dr. R. FOWLER; and Mr. T. M. STONE.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

1. Report of the Northampton Lunatic Asylum for 1864.
2. Workhouse Hospitals. By J. H. Stallard, M.D. London: 1865.
3. A Dictionary of Science, Literature, and Art. Edited by W. T. Brande, D.C.L., and the Rev. G. W. Cox, M.A. Part I. London: 1865.
4. Report of the Northampton General Lunatic Asylum for 1864. Northampton: 1865.
5. Statistical Tables of St. Bartholomew's Hospital during 1864. By G. N. Edwards, M.D., and A. Willett, F.R.C.S. London: 1865.
6. Hospital Nursing. A Crusade for Sisterhoods in Hospitals. By A Knight Templar.
7. The Ward Manual. By T. W. Nunn. London: 1865.
8. Richmond District Lunatic Asylum, Dublin. Report for 1864. Dublin: 1865.
9. On the Method of the Study of the Mind. By H. Maudsley, M.D. London: 1865.
10. Observations on Medical Education. By Richard Quain, F.R.S. London: 1865.
11. Recherches sur la Syphilis, appuyées de Tableaux de Statistique tirés des Archives des Hôpitaux de Christiania. Par W. Boeck. Christiania: 1862.
12. The Surgeon's Vade Mecum. By Robert Druiitt. Ninth edition. London: 1865.
13. Report of the Visitors and Medical Superintendent of the Devon County Lunatic Asylum. Exeter: 1865.