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ously regarding the transaction in your JOURNAL; for, after all, the public execution which he has performed is a public execution upon his own character, and not upon acupuncture, which lives and spreads steadily in spite of all his vain opposition to it, and is on the whole promoted, I believe, rather than retarded, by that opposition. The only other gentleman in Great Britain who at present enjoys the character of a public executioner—Mr. Calcraft of London—would, I fear, looking to the certainty of his “ligature”, consider the Scottish aspirant to the same honours as rather an unsuccessful operator.

I am, etc., J. Y. SIMPSON.

Edinburgh, January 2nd, 1866.

### ACUPRESSURE.

LETTER FROM JAMES SYME, Esq.

MR. SYME presents his compliments to the Editor of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, and begs to request insertion of the following letter.

Edinburgh, January 2nd, 1866.

To John Dix, Esq.

“DEAR SIR,—I regret to see that you have given my letter in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL a meaning so different from what it was intended to convey. By separating the part quoted from the context, you make me appear as if objecting to all deviations from surgical rule, or, in other words, to all improvement; while my observation was strictly limited to a particular practice, that I believed to be not only useless, but injurious.

“Your letter, unfortunately, escaped my notice until to-day.

“I am, dear sir, yours,

“JAMES SYME.

“Edinburgh, December 29th, 1865.”

APOTHECARIES' Hall. Examinations in Arts will be held on January 26th and 27th, April 27th and 28th, and September 28th and 29th in the present year. The subjects will be the same as before—viz., I. English History and the English Language. II. Mathematics and Natural Philosophy. III. The Latin Language. IV. The Greek Language. V. Logic. Students will have the option of being examined on Subjects IV and V; but if they do, and exhibit proficiency in all five branches, they will receive certificates of special proficiency.

TESTIMONIAL TO DR. STYRAP. On Saturday last, a testimonial was presented to Dr. Styrap of Shrewsbury, consisting of a massive silver inkstand with suitable inscription, a purse of sixty guineas, and an address handsomely engrossed on vellum to the following effect:—“Dear Sir,—We, the undersigned, beg your acceptance of the accompanying inkstand and purse of sixty guineas, as a mark of our appreciation of your efforts, so freely and so disinterestedly given, to advance the interests of our profession. We regret very much that continued indisposition prevents your working amongst us as usual; but we hope, however, that ere long you will be restored to health and strength. With our best wishes for your welfare, we are, dear sir, yours very truly. Shrewsbury, December 30th, 1865.” Here follow the signatures of forty-seven members of the profession who contributed to the testimonial. The testimonial was presented at Dr. Styrap's residence by a deputation of the subscribers, consisting of Messrs. Beddoes, A. G. Brookes, and Humphreys. Dr. Styrap acknowledged the receipt of the testimonial in warm terms, and expressed his gratitude to the contributors for their expression of sympathy and good feeling to him, and for their very handsome and highly prized testimonial.

## Medical News.

APOTHECARIES' HALL. On December 28th, 1865, the following Licentiates were admitted:—

Patten, Charles Arthur, St. Bartholomew's Hospital  
Watts, Alfred Bullock, University College

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

Smith, Robert Harman, Guy's Hospital

### APPOINTMENTS.

\*EVANS, Charles Jewel, Esq., appointed Medical Officer in Ordinary to the Royal Victoria Dispensary, Northampton.

### ROYAL NAVY.

CARR, William T., M.B., Surgeon (additional), to the *Flora*.  
KEVERN, Charles T. S., Esq., Surgeon, to Devonport Dockyard.  
WALLACE, Peter W., M.D., Surgeon (additional), to the *Flora*.

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

LOWNDES, J. R., Esq., to be Surgeon 8th Northumberland R.V.  
MACKAY, J. T. Esq., to be Assist.-Surg. 8th Northumberland R.V.

### BIRTHS.

FINCH. On January 1st, at Blackheath, the wife of Robert Finch, M.D., of a daughter.  
GIBBON. On December 26th, 1865, at 39, Howley Place, Harrow Road, the wife of \*Septimus Gibbon, M.B., of a daughter.  
HEARNDEN. On December 25th, 1865, at Sutton, Surrey, the wife of W. A. Hearnnden, M.D., of a daughter.  
HICKS. On December 28th, 1865, at Ramsgate, the wife of Robert Hicks, Esq., Surgeon, of a son.  
HOOKER. On December 17th, 1865, at Hadlow, Tunbridge, the wife of E. M. C. Hooker, Esq., Surgeon, of a daughter.  
PLUMBE. On December 31st, 1865, the wife of S. Plumbe, M.D., Maidenhead, of a daughter.  
RINGROSE. On December 27th, 1865, at Potter's Bar, the wife of Ernest Ringrose, M.D., of a son.  
SALTER. On December 30th, 1865, at 6, Harley Street, the wife of \*H. Hyde Salter, M.D., F.R.S., of a son.

### MARRIAGE.

MAYHEW, the Rev. Anthony Lawson, B.A., of Derby, to Jane Innes, second daughter of John GRIFFIN, M.D., of Banbury, on December 27, 1865.

### DEATHS.

ADAMS. On December 28th, 1865, at Waterloo, Liverpool, aged 21, Mary, only daughter of \*Joseph Adams, Esq.  
BELL. At Louth, Lincolnshire, aged 67, Jane, wife of \*John Bell, L.R.C.P.Ed.  
HILL, William Parr, Esq., Surgeon, at Port Elliot, South Australia, aged 46, on September 30, 1865.  
KELSON, Joseph James, Esq., Surgeon, at Bristol, aged 73, on January 2.  
LINEKER. On December 23rd, 1865, at Winchester, aged 27, Victoria, wife of E. H. Lineker, Esq., Surgeon.  
PEEBLES. On December 27th, 1865, at 64, Portsdown Road, Maida Hill, aged 27, William, eldest son of John H. Peebles, M.D.  
\*ROBERTS, John, Esq., Senior Surgeon of the St. Pancras Workhouse, London, of typhus fever, aged 26, on December 30, 1865.  
SIMMS. On December 26th, 1865, at Passy, Paris, the infant son of Frederick Simms, M.B.

DISEASED MEAT. The medical officers of health of the metropolis have suggested to the government to introduce a bill into parliament to amend the Nuisances Removal Act, 1863, by enacting that no diseased meat shall be permitted to be slaughtered in a licensed slaughter-house; that any carcase found in a licensed slaughter-house shall be held to be intended for human food, and that any carcase of a beast slaughtered at a knacker's shall be held to be unfit for human food. A great difficulty has hitherto existed in obtaining a conviction against persons having possession of diseased meat from the difficulty experienced in proving that the meat was intended for human food, which the proposed enactment will remedy.

**EXPURGATION.** A Mr. Abercrombie, who figured in the papers in connection with one of the prurient museums of London, has had his name removed from the membership of the College of Surgeons. Another delinquent, a Mr. Sergeant, now undergoing a sentence of hard labour for forgery of trade-marks, has been removed from the register, and will shortly undergo a similar operation at the College to that performed on Mr. Abercrombie.

**PRESENTATION TO DR. EDMUNDS.** On New Year's-day, the Committee of the Victoria Provident Assurance Society presented Dr. Edmunds with a handsome silver salver, accompanied by a tea and coffee set and other articles of silver plate. The salver bore the following inscription. "This salver, and other articles of silver plate, amounting in value to one hundred guineas, was presented by the Victoria Benefit Society to James Edmunds, Esq., M.D., in recognition of his distinguished services and professional skill as physician to the Society. London, Jan. 1st, 1866."

**UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE: SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NATURAL SCIENCE.** There will be an examination on October 9th at Sydney College, in Natural Science (Electricity, Chemistry, Geology, Anatomy), and two scholarships, of the value of £40 a year each, will be awarded. There will also be an examination, at the same time, in Classics and Mathematics for other scholarships of the same value. The examinations are open to all students, provided they have not commenced residence at the University. Further information to be obtained from the Rev. J. C. Ellis, tutor of the College.

**A SANATORIUM** is about to be erected near Bagshot, which will add one more to the numerous public establishments in the neighbourhood. There is a saying in that district that a man born there need never quit the vicinity from the hour of his birth to that of his death. After receiving elementary training at the Wellington College, he can complete his education at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, whence, having obtained his commission, he will proceed to join his regiment at Aldershot. After a short residence in the "Oasis", he will enter the Staff College at Blackwater, whence, if his mind and his morals break down under a severe course of study, he can be transferred to the lunatic asylum at Broadmoor, and a last resting-place is provided at the Woking Cemetery.

**INTERESTING SCENE AT WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL.** On the 3rd instant, the Dean of Westminster presented to the employés and every inmate of the Westminster Hospital a gift commemorative of the 800th anniversary of the Foundation of Westminster Abbey. A decorated Christmas tree occupied the centre of the table of the Board Room. In the bay window facing the Broad Sanctuary, were deposited blankets and pillows. The table was thickly covered with books, pictures, stockings, flannel and other petticoats, tea and sugar, work-boxes, pincushions, and, in fact, almost everything suitable for the patients or attendants. The presents were distributed by the worthy dean and Lady Augusta Stanley. The dean also sent to each ward a tinted picture under glass of Westminster Abbey, in commemoration of the event. Accompanying the picture was a large packet of tea and sugar for each patient, with a book of poems written by Canon Wordsworth.

**GREAT DISCOVERERS.** It is rather a satire on humanity at large, that the two joint discoverers of ether, Drs. Morton and Wells, suffered from want. Dr. Morton has made himself nearly a beggar by his labours; and Dr. Wells, the dentist, not only spent

much time and money on his pet theory, but made so many experiments by inhaling both ether and chloroform that his mind became seriously affected. He came to New York, and degenerated into the vitriol man; that terrible haunter, who was wont to station himself at dusk in some gloomy corner of a public thoroughfare and throw nitric acid on the elegant shawls and silk dresses of the passers by. Of course, he was at last discovered and arrested. Lodged in a cell, he gave way to remorse and despondency; severed the left femoral artery with such force that he cut through the adjacent muscles down to the bone; inhaled his beloved anæsthetic, and was found dead, with a red handkerchief thrown over his face. (*Phil. Med. Reporter.*)

**CHARGE AGAINST A HERBALIST.** At the Wandsworth Police Court, S. E. Hardinge, described as a herbalist and dentist, was charged with causing the death of Harriet White, by performing an operation on her to procure abortion. A statement made by the deceased to Mr. Richardson, the surgeon who was called to her while she was ill in the York Road, Battersea, was held to be inadmissible, because she was not aware at the time that she was in a dying state. The only evidence affecting the prisoner was a piece of paper which she had handed to Mr. Richardson, bearing the prisoner's address, written by a third person. On the outside of the door of the prisoner's residence was engraved, "E. A. Hardinge, Professor of Medical Botany and Midwifery. Advice gratis." He saw on an inner door, written up, "Hardinge, Surgeon. He told the superintendent of police that he held no diploma as a surgeon, and he denied all knowledge of the deceased; and also stated that he would not have entertained the case if he had been applied to. A number of instruments were found in his house used for operations for stone, and one which had been straightened, and which Mr. Richardson held to be an illegitimate instrument, was considered as the only one that might have been applied for the peculiar purpose. Mr. Richardson repeated the evidence he gave before the coroner, and said that on making a *post mortem* examination of the body he found an injury, and the instrument produced would doubtless have caused it. He described the instrument as one originally used for sounding for stone. It has been straightened, covered with gutta percha, and sharpened. The death of the deceased was attributable to the injury. He could not say that that instrument caused the injury. An instrument similar to it would produce the injury. He never heard of a woman using an instrument herself to procure abortion. He thought it would be impossible. In his opinion, the deceased was pregnant when the force was used. Mr. Butt, superintendent of police, said he had been unsuccessful in making the connecting link between the prisoner and the deceased; but that they had received information as to the person who introduced the deceased to the prisoner, and he expected to obtain further evidence. Mr. Dayman then remanded the prisoner for another week on bail. [Surely this case of a man calling himself "surgeon" contrary to the Medical Act, is one worthy of the attention of the Medical Council. *EDITOR.*]

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from: — PROFESSOR SIMPSON; MR. ADAMS; DR. W. V. BIRD; MR. C. GAINES; DR. DE STRAP; MR. T. HURNBY; DR. BODINGTON; THE REGISTRAR OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON; MR. LESLIE; MR. RICHARD GRIFFIN; MR. A. B. STEELE; MR. JOHN ADAMSON; MR. ROBERT CEBLY; MR. SYME; THE HONORARY SECRETARIES OF THE ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY; and MR. EVANS.

#### BOOK RECEIVED.

1. De l'Emploi et de l'Action de l'Arsenic en Médecine. Par Dr. A. Wahu. Paris: 1865.

## OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

**MONDAY.....**Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 9 A.M. and 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.—St. Thomas'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, 9.30 A.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.

**MONDAY.** Medical Society of London, 8 P.M. Dr. Francis Edmund Anstie, Lettsomian Lectures on "Certain Painful Affections of the Fifth Nerve."

**TUESDAY.** Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8 P.M. Mr. Barwell, "On the Pathology and Treatment of Lateral Curvature of the Spine"; Dr. Radcliffe, "On Acute Uncomplicated Myocarditis."

## 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.

**POOR-LAW MEDICAL REFORM.**—SIR: Since the last publication of the list of subscribers to the Association, I have received the following sums of money:—Codd, G. (Watford), 5s.; Worth, E. J. (St. Germans), 5s.; Irving, W. B. (Newark) 10s.; Hair, Jas. (Sudbury), 5s.; Hall, E. (Ulverstone), 10s.; Fenn, E. (Uckfield), 5s.; Griffin, R. (Weymouth), 21s.

As the year 1865 has now passed, I think it due to the subscribers to lay before them a short statement of the accounts. In January 1865, there was a debt of £8:7:1, and during the year I have received from twenty-nine of the three thousand and odd Poor-law Medical Officers £14:3:1; but as the expenditure during that time has been £10:13:1, for printing seven hundred and fifty pamphlets for members of the House of Commons and the subscribers, with postage and sundry small expenses, it follows that there is £4:17:3 still due from the Association.

I am unwilling to say one word by way of reflection on my brethren; but it must be obvious to them that, without adequate funds, meetings cannot be held, or the necessary steps taken, to impel the Poor-law Board to improve the system of Poor-law medical relief.

I am, etc., RICHARD GRIFFIN.  
12, Royal Terrace, Weymouth, January 1st, 1866.

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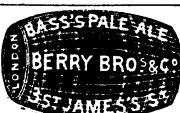
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