

recognised him. He happened to live in the vicinity of Mr. Obre's house, and, in his absence, Mr. Denman (assistant to Mr. Obre) was summoned. It was by his perseverance during several hours that resuscitation was caused; and no doubt the Society will grant a reward for this success.

We are happy to say that not a single death took place in the tent; all having recovered who were brought there alive.

At the Marylebone Infirmary, fourteen persons were brought in alive; of whom, one subsequently died. They were received by Dr. Randall, the medical officer of the Infirmary, and the house-surgeon, Mr. Fuller. The majority of them were in a state of great excitement and delirium; three or four were raving, hallooing noisily, and with difficulty could be restrained in bed. They seemed to be suffering as much from mental excitement, nervous shock, and fright, as from the effects of cold and immersion. In the case of one man who was brought in living and subsequently died, the fatal result seemed to be due chiefly to suffocation and extreme cold; there were the ordinary symptoms of drowning in winter time. There was no breathing except a few gurgles for the first five minutes after his admission, nor could any be induced by the use of Silvester's method of artificial respiration, by friction, or the other means that were employed. The motion of the heart continued feebly for about half an hour. The extremities were pallid, and the face bluish. In the other cases, the clothes were immediately removed. They were rubbed dry, and placed in hot blankets; the room was warmed to a temperature of 65 degrees; they were placed in bed, and constantly rubbed with hot flannels. Hot coffee was administered to those who could take it; but the three or four of the most excited of the patients clenched their teeth, and could not be made to swallow anything. One iceman, who had saved several persons, was among the most delirious and excited. He had been reported as dead at the Society's offices. The patients were of various classes; many of them belonging to the middle rank. Five were sufficiently recovered to be removed the same night; they were sent home in cabs, and in clothes lent them by the authorities, their own being still unfit for use. The rest were removed to their own homes in the course of the following day by their friends. Great credit is due to the promptitude and goodwill of the authorities, in suggesting that the sufferers should at once be brought to their Infirmary, and for the zealous and humane care bestowed upon them.

Thirty-four bodies have been brought into the dead-house of the Infirmary at the time we write (Thursday afternoon). The attitude and position of most of the bodies leads to the inference that death must have been unusually rapid, if not instantaneous. In ordinary cases of drowning the muscles are flaccid and relaxed, and there are signs of exhaustion. Here, on the contrary, most of the dead are in an attitude of active exertion; many with the hand and arm thrown forward as though in the act of skating or sliding. The muscles were in nearly all cases firmly and spasmodically fixed, and the contraction continued upwards of forty-eight hours after death. The countenance was placid, and expressing neither horror nor convulsive struggling. The dead-house presents a scene of a singularly and most painfully affecting character. The dress is retained for purposes of identification. Clothed there as in life, with skates still fixed to the feet, hands extended, and faces flushed with a colour as vivid as in life, the deceased have all the aspect of living persons, and it is difficult indeed even for a medical observer to believe that he stands there in the face of death.

## Association Intelligence.

### BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

The third ordinary meeting of the session will be held at the Victoria Rooms, Clifton, on Thursday evening, January 24th, at 7.15 P.M.; J. S. Bartrum, Esq., F.R.C.S., President, in the chair.

The following papers are expected:—

W. B. Herapath, M.D., F.R.S., "On the Use of the Spectroscope and Micro-Spectroscope in the Discovery of Blood-Stains."—"On some Cautions arising out of the recent Sudden Deaths at the Cardiff Union Workhouse."

F. Poole Lansdown, Esq., "Case of Excision of the Knee-joint."

H. W. Freeman, L.R.C.P.Lond., "Clinical Temperature in Acute Disease."

C. STEELE,  
R. S. FOWLER, } *Hon. Secs.*

## Special Correspondence.

### LIVERPOOL.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

At a late meeting of the Medical Institution, a conversation took place in reference to the manner in which the proceedings of the Coroner's Court for this borough are conducted. Several cases were mentioned in which inquests had been held, and verdicts of death from natural causes returned, without medical evidence, and in which *post mortem* examinations by the medical attendants of the deceased had subsequently shown the cause of death to have been severe and well-marked injuries. This very unsatisfactory mode of conducting such inquiries was held to be injurious to the interests of the public, and calculated to defeat the ends of justice, as well as to bring into contempt one of the oldest, most useful, and important courts of justice in this country. Suggestions were made as to the best means of effecting a remedy; but nothing of a practical nature could be devised at the moment, although possibly the discussion may lead to some steps being taken to bring the matter under the notice of the proper authorities. We are disposed to think that the best and only way in which the influence of the profession can be brought to bear upon this subject would be for the medical men of Liverpool to follow the example of their brethren in the metropolis and elsewhere, by organising a plan of cooperation for the purpose of securing the appointment of a medical coroner, whenever a vacancy may occur; and the present position of matters in Liverpool indicates that no time should be lost in sounding the note of preparation, if any such movement is to be seriously entertained.

At the same meeting, we had a discussion on the subject of cholera, originated by a report read by Dr. Shearer, of the late epidemic in the Toxteth Park district, which, notwithstanding its rural designation, is an overcrowded locality, abounding in

## Medical News.

**APOTHECARIES' HALL.** On January 3rd and 10th, 1867, the following Licentiates were admitted:—

Nettleship, Edward, Kettering, Northamptonshire  
Stainthorpe, Thomas Edward, Hexham Abbey, Northumberland  
Summerhayes, Henry, Ealing, Middlesex  
Williams, William E., Llanhilleth, Monmouthshire

At the Court held on the 10th, the following passed the first examination:—

Hart, Walter, King's College Hospital  
McDonald, John Chisholm, Westminster Hospital

### APPOINTMENTS.

MOORE, Charles H., Esq., elected Surgeon to St. Luke's Hospital, in the room of J. Luke, Esq., resigned.

### ARMY.

FINEMORE, Assistant-Surgeon J. H., Royal Artillery, to be Staff-Surgeon, *vice* Staff-Surgeon-Major T. Moorhead, M.D.  
MOORHEAD, Staff-Surgeon-Major T., M.D., to be Surgeon 26th Foot, *vice* Surgeon-Major R. Gamble, M.D.

### ROYAL NAVY.

ANDREWS, William, Esq. (b), Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Impregnable*, for the *Squirrel*.  
CANN, Thomas, M.D., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Charybdis*.  
CROSBIE, Alexander, M.D., Assistant-Surgeon, to Haslar Hospital.  
M'IVER, Donald, M.D., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Wizard*.  
MESSER, John C., M.D., Surgeon, to the *Charybdis*.

### MILITIA.

MUNRO, J., M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon 1st Durham Militia.  
PARKS, J., Esq., to be Assistant-Surgeon 7th Lancashire Royal Militia.  
POTTS, J., Esq., to be Surgeon 1st Durham Militia.

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

REYNOLDS, F., Esq., to be Assistant-Surgeon 29th Middlesex R.V.  
STEWART, C. J., Esq., to be Surgeon 29th Middlesex R.V.  
WOODHOUSE, T. J., Esq., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon 1st Surrey A.V.

### BIRTHS.

HOUGHTON. On December 30th, 1866, at 6, Mount Street, the wife of Henry G. Houghton, M.D., of a daughter.  
WILKINSON. On December 24th, 1866, at Greenheys, Manchester, the wife of M. Eason Wilkinson, M.D., of a daughter.  
WORTHINGTON. On January 9th, at Worthing, Sussex, the wife of G. F. J. Worthington, Esq., of a son.

### MARRIAGES.

THOMPSON, the Rev. Henry J., M.A., of Dodford, Northamptonshire, to Sophia Mary, eldest daughter of Edward JAMES, M.D., of Edgbaston, on January 3.  
WAHLTUCH, Adolphe, M.D., of Manchester, to Anna, second daughter of H. S. GOLDSCHMIDT, Esq., of Frankfort-on-the-Maine, on December 16th, 1866.

### DEATHS.

ATKINSON, Benjamin, Esq., Surgeon, J.P. for the County of Bucks, at Great Marlow, on January 6.  
BELL. On December 22nd, 1866, at Goole, aged 15, Ann Emily Lucy, eldest daughter of R. P. Bell, Esq., Surgeon.  
GOOCH. On December 31st, 1866, at Eton, the wife of James Gooch, Esq., Surgeon.  
JENKINS, Tobias, Esq., Surgeon, late of Denbigh Street, Pimlico, aged 56, on December 17th, 1866.  
KNIGHT. On January 10th, at Stafford, aged 71, Elizabeth, widow of Dr. Knight.  
LYSTER. On December 29th, 1866, at Liverpool, aged 31, Margaret, wife of C. E. Lyster, M.D.  
MARTIN, George Anne, M.D., at Ventnor, Isle of Wight, aged 59, on January 7.  
PICKTHORN, G. Russell, M.D., Assistant-Surgeon H.M.S. *Challenger*, aged 27, at Auckland, New Zealand, on October 21st, 1866.  
SAYREY. On January 10th, at Hastings, aged 33, Frederick, third son of John Savery, Esq., Surgeon.  
SMITH. On December 19th, 1866, at Enfield, aged 5, Arthur Capes, only son of Abbots Smith, M.D., of Finsbury Square.  
VISE, Charles, Esq., Surgeon, at Spalding, Lincolnshire, aged 64, on January 6.  
WHITMORE. On January 11th, at 15, Wimpole Street, aged 20, Annie, daughter of John Whitmore, M.D.  
WILSON, James, M.D., of Malvern, at Ilkley, Yorkshire, on Jan. 8.

**POST MORTEM COMPLIMENTS.** A servant of an old maiden lady, a patient of Dr. Poole's of Edinburgh, was under orders to go to the doctor every morning, to report the state of her health, how she slept, etc., with strict injunctions always to add, in conformity to etiquette, "with her compliments." At length, one morning, the girl brought the following startling message, "Miss S—'s compliments, and she de'd last night at acht o'clock."

**PRESENTATION TO FREDERICK FRY, ESQ., MAIDSTONE.** A large number of the influential residents of the town, with several gentlemen from the neighbourhood, assembled at the Star Hotel, Maidstone, on Wednesday evening, for the purpose of presenting to F. Fry, Esq., a very handsome testimonial in recognition of his valuable services as honorary surgeon to the West Kent Hospital. The testimonial, which was furnished by means of the shillings of the poor as well as the guineas of the rich—to which sum the subscription was limited—consisted of a solid silver centre-piece or epergne, standing on a large silvered plateau, and a solid gold snuff-box. The presentation was preceded by a dinner, at which were present several of the most influential inhabitants of the town and county, who, in the course of the various speeches, paid many well merited compliments to Mr. Fry, for his skill and kind attention to the poor during the twenty-eight years he has been honorary surgeon to the West Kent Hospital.

**TYPHUS IN LIVERPOOL.** It is a melancholy fact to know that in the town of Liverpool it is reported on well-grounded authority that there are not fewer than ten thousand working men out of employment, and that there is not any very immediate prospect of their labour being speedily required. This necessarily produces much poverty, and its concomitant evils—disease and death. Accordingly, it is found that typhus fever has shown itself in an epidemic form within a comparatively brief period, other diseases being also prevalent.

**SMALL-POX IN CABS.** Mr. Moger, surgeon, of Highgate, writes:—"On Tuesday evening, at six o'clock, I was on my way to London with two young ladies. As we passed the gates of the Small-Pox Hospital there came out a four-wheeled cab. 'You have taken a case of small-pox to the hospital in that cab, have you not?' was my question. 'Yes, sir,' was the reply of honest cabby. Now, if I had not seen this cab so near to the hospital, I should certainly have secured it for myself and friends, as all the omnibuses had been taken off the road on account of the frost. Doubtless cabby did not wait long for a fare. This employment of public carriages for the conveyance to hospitals of persons suffering from contagious and infectious diseases is not a daily, but an hourly event. Can we, then, wonder at the spread of small-pox and fevers?" (*Public Opinion*.)

**POISONED THREAD.** The *Moniteur de l'Hygiene* states that a number of sempstresses have suffered from violent colic in consequence of putting into their mouths the silk they use in sewing. This affection is attributed to the practice of mixing the silk with sulphate of lead, so as to increase its weight. Mr. Jones, of the chemical laboratory, Leadenhall Street, whose attention was attracted by the above statement, has made a chemical analysis of the silk thread used in this country. He operated upon many different samples of thread purchased in and about London, and found in almost every case large quantities of acetate or sugar of lead. He characterises that admixture as even a more dangerous impurity than the sulphate, on account of its greater degree of solubility in the fluids of the stomach.

## 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.—Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, 2 P.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. Lettsomian Lectures. Lecture II, by John Gay, Esq., on Surgery. "Varicose Disease of the Lower Extremities."

**TUESDAY.** Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8.30 P.M. Mr. Moore, "On Periodical Inflammation of the Knee-joint"; Mr. Berkeley Hill, "On Dislocation of the Sixth from the Seventh Cervical Vertebra without Fracture, etc."

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**MEMBERS** are reminded that it is a matter of great convenience and economy to the Association, and conduces to the efficiency of its working and to their comfort and advantage, that their subscriptions, which are now due, should be paid promptly to the Secretary, Mr. T. WATKIN WILLIAMS, Newhall Street, Birmingham.

All Letters and Communications for the JOURNAL, to be addressed to the EDITOR, 87, 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.

Communications as to the transmission of the JOURNAL, should be sent to Mr. RICHARDS, 87, Great Queen Street, W.C.

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

DR. RADFORD shall receive a private letter.

## NEURALGIA FOLLOWING SHINGLES.

**SIR,**—Very many cases of herpes zoster have come under my notice among the out-patients of the Bath United Hospital, the neuralgia in most having been severe. The only treatment I have used, and so far has been always successful, is an occasional dose of the pulvis rhei salinus (Guy's Hospital Pharmacopoeia) in the morning, and the constant application of a lotion made of the liquor plumbi diacetatis, with one or two drachms of laudanum to the eight ounces of fluid.

Bath, December 29th, 1866.

I am, etc.,

R. W. FALCONER, M.D.

A FELLOW of the Obstetrical Society should address the Council on the subject. It is a matter rather for investigation privately than for public discussion. At any rate, it should be first inquired into and properly authenticated before any such statement is made.

## DISINFECTANTS.

**S. L.**—According to Dr. Letheby, for the disinfection of sick rooms, chlorine and chloride of lime are the best agents; for the disinfection of drains, middens, and sewers, carbolate of lime and carbolic acid are the best; for the discharges from the body, carbolic acid, chloride of zinc, or chloride of iron, are the best; for clothing, the best disinfectant is heat—above 260° if a dry heat, and 212° if a wet heat; and for drinking water, filtration through animal charcoal and a boiling temperature.

A READER of the *Pall Mall Gazette* should communicate with the Honorary Secretaries of the Fund, Mr. G. W. Callender and Mr. J. C. Parkinson; but we do not think his suggestion a good one.

## CALCULUS WITH NUCLEUS OF BONE.

**SIR:** Perhaps it might interest some of your readers—or, at least, Mr. Henry Thompson, whose very curious "Case of Phosphatic Calculus in the Male Bladder with a Nucleus of Bone" appeared in the last number of the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL*—to see an account of a "Case of Extraterine Fotation and Stone in the Bladder", which appeared in the *London and Edinburgh Monthly Journal of Medical Science* twenty-five years ago. I sent the section of the stone to my old teacher, Mr. Liston.

I am, etc.,

D. R. LIETCH.

Derwent Bank, Keswick, Jan. 8th, 1867.

A STUDENT should apply personally at the College of Surgeons; but we fear that the session is too far advanced for an exception to be made in his favour.

**MR. HULKE.**—Stamped (impressed) copies of JOURNALS cannot be posted within the metropolitan district; it is necessary to post them beyond the metropolitan limits, which delays their transmission. Those metropolitan subscribers who prefer stamped copies, and do not care for early delivery of the JOURNAL, will, upon intimating their wish, receive stamped (impressed) copies.

## CLITORIDECTOMY.

**SIR,**—I forgot to append to my last note, that, having again expressed my opinion about clitoridectomy, I must decline any further correspondence with Mr. Isaac B. Brown.

I am, etc.,

R. GREENHALGH, M.D.

77, Grosvenor Street, W., Jan. 12th, 1867.

**SIR,**—I had the best reasons for believing that a Committee of independent Fellows of the Obstetrical Society, in whom I have confidence, would have been proposed at the last meeting of the Society, and was sorry to find that the Council would not entertain the subject. I have therefore written to the new Council to say that, if they will appoint a fair and impartial Committee, I will place every facility in their hands for investigating my cases most rigidly. In the mean time, I feel confident that the new President will not allow personalities and unjustifiable language to be used against any Fellow in future discussions; and I beg to remind all Fellows of the Society, that I am in no way to be held accountable for any damage the Society may sustain by the discussion of Dr. Tanner's paper.

186, Harley Street, Jan. 7, 1867.

I am, etc.,  
I. BAKER BROWN.

DR. J. L. L., Manchester, will find the article on the subject in the *Wiener Medizinische Wochenschrift* for Jan. 2. The case occurred in the clinique of Professor Oppolzer.

**COMMUNICATIONS, LETTERS, etc., have been received from:**—Mr. C. H. Moore; Dr. Bell Fletcher, Birmingham; Dr. E. Symes Thompson; Dr. Alexander Fleming, Birmingham; Dr. Andrew Wynter; Dr. Thorn; Mr. J. B. Curgenven; Dr. Dick; Messrs. Mitchell & Co.; Mr. T. W. Williams; Mr. Gaskoin; Mr. Furneaux Jordan, Birmingham; Mr. Thomson; The Honorary Secretaries of the Bath and Bristol Branch; Mr. J. J. Cottrell; Mr. Harry Leach; Dr. Radcliffe; Dr. Jeaffreson; Mr. J. W. Girdlestone; Dr. Mackinder, Gainsborough; Mr. Ashton Godwin; Mr. Arthur Ransome; Dr. Thorne Thorne; Dr. Greenhalgh; The Registrar of the Medical Society of London; Professor Humphry, Cambridge; Mr. John Marshall; Mr. Hulke; Mr. John Erichsen; Mr. Steele, Liverpool; Mr. G. Callender; Dr. Radcliffe; Mr. Richard Griffin; Dr. A. P. Stewart; Mr. A. Brown; Dr. Bowen; Mr. E. P. Young; Dr. E. Johnson; Mrs. Baines; The Honorary Secretary of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society; Mr. Teale, Leeds; Mr. W. R. Lane; Dr. Joseph Rogers; Mr. W. Bowman; Dr. Horace Dobell; Dr. Jones, Durham; Dr. Daniell; Dr. Christison, Edinburgh; and Dr. Ballard.

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