

Association Intelligence.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: ORDINARY MEETING.

THE next ordinary meeting of the above Branch will be held at 37, Soho Square, on Friday, April 12th, at 8 P.M.; when Mr. Holmes will read a paper on "The Surgical Wards of Metropolitan Hospitals compared with those of some Workhouse Infirmaries."

A. P. STEWART, } *Hon. Secs.*
ALEXANDER HENRY. }

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST SURREY DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A MEETING of this Society was held on Thursday, March 21st, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. The Chair was taken at 4 P.M. by Mr. BERNEY; and nineteen gentlemen, members and visitors, were present.

The late Mr. Martin of Reigate. The Chairman remarked, that he felt sure that at this, the first meeting held since the death of Mr. Martin, the Society would wish to express its regret at his decease, and to enter on its minutes a record of the high esteem in which it must ever hold the memory of its late member. During a residence of more than sixty years in Reigate, he had gained the universal respect and regard of that town and its neighbourhood; and his upright conduct and benevolent character rendered him popular in the highest sense with his professional brethren. Apart from the personal esteem in which he was held, the part he took as founder of that Branch of the Association (the South-Eastern) with which this Society is connected entitles him to our highest gratitude; whilst as the founder and for many years President of the Surrey Medical Benevolent Society, and as a hearty friend to all medical charities, he has further claims on our thanks and admiration. Mr. Martin has died full of years and honours; and the Society may feel proud to have had for a member one who set so noble an example to his profession.

Mr. BERNEY concluded by moving a resolution on the subject, which was seconded by Mr. BOTTOMLEY, and carried unanimously.

Communications. 1. Mr. Bottomley read a paper on Cholera. He divided the disease into three classes, which he called respectively simple diarrhoea, malignant diarrhoea, and cholera asphyxia. After explaining the characteristics of each form, and the appropriate treatment, the paper concluded with some remarks on the causes. Mr. Bottomley does not believe that the disease is in any form contagious. In the first two forms, he stated his opinion, and cited cases to prove, that it may originate from local causes.—Mr. Heckstall Smith argued that local defects were often the determining cause of an outbreak of cholera, and gave an account of a very interesting case that had occurred in his practice, in which several members of a family suffered, and it was clearly traced to drinking water from a well contaminated with sewage. Mr. H. Smith stated that, after trying all modes of treatment, he had found the most successful to be to give the patient abundant cold water to drink, and at the same time to apply hot salt-bags to the spine.—The Chairman, Dr. Carpenter, and other gentlemen, took part in the discussion.

2. Mr. Roper read a paper entitled, "Is Ergot of Rye, administered in Labour, dangerous to the Life

of the Child?" The question was answered in the negative, supported by a careful analysis of 1172 cases that had occurred in Mr. Roper's practice. Mr. Roper was requested to forward his paper to the JOURNAL for publication.

3. Mr. Morrant Baker exhibited a specimen of Congenital Malformation of the Stomach, which had come under his notice in the dissecting-room of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. He also read the notes of a case of a Blood-Tumour of the Thigh, which had occurred in a patient of Mr. Thomas Smith's.

4. Mr. Berney read the notes of a case of a girl eight years old, in whom a loaded state of the bowels caused symptoms simulating those of abscess in the neighbourhood of the shaft of the femur, and in whom a complete cure was speedily effected by the free administration of purgatives. Mr. Berney was requested to publish his case.

Dinner. The dinner took place at 6 P.M. Mr. Berney occupied the Chair, and seventeen of those who were present at the meeting attended.

New Members. Mr. Morrant Baker, Mr. Hubbert, and Mr. Langton, joined the Society.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH: INTERMEDIATE MEETING.

THIS meeting was held at Clarke's Castle Hotel, Taunton, on Wednesday, March 20th, at 5 P.M. The President, G. R. BURTT, Esq., and many other members from a distance, were prevented from coming by the inclement state of the weather and a deep fall of snow.

Communications. The following papers were read.

1. A Case of Strangulated Femoral Hernia, operated on, and followed by Tetanus. By W. L. Winterbotham, M.B.

2. A Case of Diseased Foot, operated on, and followed by Sudden Death from the Bursting of an Abscess of the Liver. By W. L. Winterbotham, M.B.

After a discussion on the above cases, and on other medical topics, the following resolution was passed, relative to

The Representation of the General Profession in the Medical Council.

"That, in the opinion of this meeting, the Medical Council should contain representatives elected by the general profession, in addition to representatives of examining bodies and the nominees of the Crown."

Mr. Winterbotham was thanked for his papers, and requested to send them to the JOURNAL for publication.

ABSINTHE. The French Senate lately received a petition that some steps should be taken by the Government to prevent the sale and consumption of absinthe. Baron Charles Dupin read a very interesting report on this petition. He pointed out that the mountains of the French Jura and the town of Besançon produced it in sufficient quantities to supply the whole of the French market. It produced insanity after a certain time; and the ravages produced by it in the French army were such that Marshal Forey had prohibited its sale at the military canteens throughout his command. Baron Dupin suggested the imposition of a heavy tax as the best way of checking its consumption, which, if it went on at its present rate, would have quite as pernicious an influence on the population of France as opium had on that of China. He recommended that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration, and this motion was agreed to without a division.

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THE PUBLISHER begs respectfully to inform the Secretaries of District Branches and the members of the Association interested in extending its numbers, that the prospectus of the forthcoming volumes of the JOURNAL for the year 1867 is reprinted in a separate form for distribution, and that he will be happy to forward it where desired.

SIXTEEN CASES OF PREMATURE AND ARTIFICIAL DELIVERY. R. Doelner describes these cases in the *Würzburger Medicinische Zeitschrift*. The method of Krause—the introduction of an elastic catheter, left between the membranes and the uterus—was employed eight times, and gave the best results. The delivery was effected in these eight cases in 11, 16, 23, 42, 43, 55 hours, and in one case only 5½ days after the introduction.

Reports of Societies.

ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH, 1867.

SAMUEL SOLLY, Esq., F.R.S., President, in the Chair.

THE PRESIDENT, on taking the Chair, thanked the members for the honour conferred on him; which, he said, had probably come to him in the ordinary rotation, but which he felt also to be an indication that he had faithfully endeavoured to discharge his duties in his profession.

The minutes of the annual meeting having been read,

Mr. CHARLES HAWKINS objected to their confirmation by the present meeting as informal.

After some discussion, in which Mr. Pollock, Mr. Moore, and other members took part, the President, in accordance with precedent, signed the minutes.

ON A CASE OF INTERNAL STRANGULATION OF THE BOWEL BY A BAND, ASSOCIATED WITH A REDUCIBLE HERNIA, SUCCESSFULLY TREATED BY OPERATION: WITH REMARKS. BY THOMAS BRYANT, F.R.C.S.

The case was one to which the author was called on Dec. 31st, 1866, by Dr. Wilkinson of Sydenham. It was that of a gentleman, aged 51, who had been ill for several days with symptoms of intestinal obstruction. The patient had been the subject of an inguinal hernia on the right side for twenty-five years, for which he had worn a truss; during that period the bowel had come down on several occasions, but it had only given pain once six months previously. On the morning of Dec. 28th, during the exertion of dragging up a tree, the hernia partially descended, but it was at once readily returned on the application of the hand; vomiting, however, soon appeared, and pain situated on the right side of the umbilicus. These symptoms continuing on the 29th and 30th, and, as they increased in severity, Dr. Wilkinson was sent for. A careful examination was then made, but no hernia was found; there was a large opening into the abdomen, but no swelling, nor pain even on deep pressure being made. On Dec. 31st (the third day), the symptoms becoming more severe, vomiting being faecal, Dr. Wilkinson, who saw the necessity for an operation, called in the assistance of the author. The seat of the hernia was then examined, but no indications of anything wrong in these parts could be made out, yet marked symptoms of intestinal strangulation existed: pain in the abdomen was very severe; it was situated in the right of the umbilicus, and paroxysmal. An exploratory operation in the region of the hernia was proposed, and power was given by the patient to do what whatever might be deemed best. Chloroform was given, and the ring of the direct inguinal hernia exposed; no signs, however, of any strangulation of the bowel by the parts concerned in the hernia could be made out. A piece of omentum existed in the hernial sac, but no bowel. The finger could also be readily passed into the abdomen, and the neck of the sac was perfectly free. The bowel which came into view was, however, clearly strangulated, for it was of a bright cherry colour, and cedematous. The ring was enlarged upwards, and the strangulated bowel drawn down; the finger of the

Mr. WALPOLE undertook to do his best to bring in a Bill on the subject this Session.

PUBLIC HEALTH (SCOTLAND) BILL.

Sir G. MONTGOMERY moved for leave to introduce a bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the public health in Scotland. It was to consolidate four previous acts of parliament relating to the removal of nuisances for the prevention of disease in Scotland, and several clauses were taken from the English Public Health Act of 1848. The bill was brought in and read a first time.

Tuesday, March 26th.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.

Sir M. H. BEACH asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether, in accordance with clause 36 of the Public Health Act of last Session, the nuisance authorities throughout the country, generally, and particularly in the east of London, had made regulations for fixing the number of persons who may occupy a house which is let in lodgings, for the registration and inspection of such houses, and for enforcing other provisions contained in the clause; and if the nuisance authorities in the more thickly populated parishes had not applied for power to make such regulations; and whether it was not advisable that some further steps should be taken by Parliament in order to induce them to do so.

Mr. WALPOLE said that several places had applied to the Home Office for the issue of regulations under the 35th section of the Public Health Act, and that twenty-five of those places had received the regulations. He did not see that there was any immediate necessity for further legislation.

YELLOW FEVER.

*Sir J. C. JERVOISE asked the Vice-President of Council on Education whether his attention had been called to the Report of Commission on Yellow Fever at Bermuda, 1856; Report of Committee on Yellow Fever at Bermuda, 1864; Report of the late epidemic of Scarlet Fever among children at Aldershot, 1866; and what conclusion was to be drawn from those reports as to the infectious nature of the diseases referred to.

Lord R. MONTAGU said that the reports referred to had been brought under his notice, and that there was no particular conclusion to be drawn from them as to the infectious nature of the diseases mentioned.

Wednesday, March 27th.

ARTISANS' AND LABOURERS' DWELLINGS BILL.

The second reading of the Artisans' and Labourers' Dwellings Bill was moved by Mr. McCULLAGH TORRENS, who sketched its chief provisions, and explained that it was in the same form as it came out of the Select Committee. It gives power to the officer of Health, either on requisition or without it, to inspect premises in a state likely to engender disease, and upon his report the local authority, after the process of presentment to the grand jury has been gone through, may cause plans to be made for the improvement or demolition of the premises. The owner of the premises may either sell them to the local authority or carry out the works himself, and if he neglects or refuses to do either, the local authority may effect the improvement, charging the cost to the owner; but, when total demolition is required, the local authorities must compensate the owner. The expenses of the local authorities in carrying out the Act are to be charged on the local rates, which, however, are not to be increased by more than 3d. in the pound; and they are also empowered to borrow money from the Public Works

Loan Commissioners, under the sanction of the Treasury. Mr. Torrens intimated that he should gladly acquiesce in any improvements which could be suggested in the machinery of the Bill.

Mr. WALPOLE, on behalf of the Government, assented to the principle of the Bill, intimating that it would require amendment in some of its details; and it was read a second time.

Medical News.

APOTHECARIES' HALL. On March 21st, 1867, the following Licentiates were admitted:—

Jordan, William Ross, Birmingham
Randall, John George, Lock Hospital, Dean Street, Soho

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

Crewe, Clifford, Guy's Hospital
Hind, James, St. Thomas's Hospital
Williams, Humphrey Lloyd, St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Wilson, Richard Langford, Guy's Hospital

APPOINTMENTS.

ARMY.

BARKER, Assistant-Surgeon J., 1st Foot, to be Staff-Assistant-Surgeon, vice T. T. Gardner.
FINLAY, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon G. H., to be Staff-Surgeon, vice E. Touch, M.D.
GARDNER, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon T. T., to be Assistant-Surgeon Royal Artillery, vice M. J. Jones.
JEEVES, Surgeon J. Y., 25th Foot, to be Surgeon Royal Artillery, vice Surgeon-Major J. S. Little.
MIDDLETON, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon J., M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon 1st Foot, vice J. Barker.
TOUCH, Staff-Surgeon E., M.D., to be Surgeon 25th Foot, vice W. Y. Jeeves.

ROYAL NAVY.

ACHESON, John I., Esq., Surgeon, to Woolwich Dockyard.
BAYNES, W. W., Esq., to be Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets on the retired list.
BRIDGFORD, Richard F., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Trinculo*.
SMITH, W., M.D., to be Staff-Surgeon in Her Majesty's Fleet.

BIRTHS.

DON. On March 22nd, at Sligo, Ireland, the wife of W. G. Don, M.D., 28th Regiment, of a son.
FLOWER. On March 19th, at 39, Lincoln's Inn Field, the wife of W. H. Flower, Esq., F.R.S., of a daughter.
GRINFIELD-COXWELL. On March 22nd, at Heavitree, Exeter, the wife of J. E. Grinfield-Coxwell, Esq., Surgeon, of a daughter.
HAMILTON. On March 21st, at Lyons, the wife of Robert Hamilton, Esq., Surgeon, of Liverpool, of a son.
HEWITT. On March 22nd, at Winkfield, near Windsor, the wife of Tom S. Hewitt, M.D., of a daughter.
HUNT. On March 25th, at 1, St. George's Square, the wife of John Hunt, Esq., Surgeon, of a son.
MAURICE. On March 22nd, at Marlborough, Wilts, the wife of James B. Maurice, M.D., of a son.

MARRIAGE.

GAVES, Frederick G., M.D., of Westbourne Park Villas, to Jessie Johnstone, eldest daughter of the late Charles CUNNINGHAM, Esq., of Glasgow, on March 21.

DEATHS.

ADDISON, William J., Esq., of Brampton, near Carlisle, aged 31, on March 17.
CARTWRIGHT. On March 25th, at Calne, Wilts, aged 6, Roland John, youngest son of John Cartwright, Esq., Surgeon, of Calne.
DOLMAN, John T., M.D., at Souldern House, Oxon, aged 55, on March 15.
DRUMMOND, Henry, M.D., at Brighton, on March 21.
ROOKE. On March 18th, at Cheltenham, aged 2½, Constance, daughter of T. Morley Rooke, M.D.
STEELE. On March 23rd, at Liverpool, aged 48, Elizabeth Augusta, wife of Arthur B. Steele, Esq., Surgeon.
SYMMONS. On March 23rd, Alice, wife of R. F. Symmons, Esq., Surgeon, Colchester.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT PLYMOUTH. Sir M. Lopes has headed a movement for a Children's Hospital at Plymouth with a donation of £100.

METROPOLITAN HOSPITALS. Mr. John D. Middleton, lately deceased, has bequeathed £200 each to the Middlesex, Charing Cross, Westminster, and Convalescent Hospitals.

SMALL-POX IN THE NAVY. Several cases of small-pox having broken out on board the *Rodney*, Captain Heneage, at Spithead anchorage, some delay is likely to occur in her sailing for China to enter upon her duties as the flap-ship of Sir Henry Keppel, G.C.B.

LADY-NURSES IN PRUSSIA. A large number of ladies, who distinguished themselves in nursing and providing for the sick and wounded during the war, were, on the King of Prussia's birthday, presented with the Order of Queen Louise.

PROFESSOR HUXLEY, F.R.S., will bring his course of twenty-four lectures at the Royal College of Surgeons to a close this day (Saturday). Professor Hancock will deliver six lectures on the Anatomy and Surgery of the Foot, in continuation of his course of last year. The precise time when this course will be commenced is not yet decided.

MORTALITY OF LONDON. The mortality in the metropolis was greater last week than in any week since that which ended January 26th, when 1880 deaths were recorded. The deaths registered in London during the week were 1731, exceeding the estimated number by 185; 40 deaths from small-pox were registered, and 49 from typhus.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE. The Regius Professor of Physic will commence the course of lectures on Pathology on Tuesday, April 30th, at 9 A.M., at the Anatomical Schools, and will continue to lecture every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Gentlemen desirous of attending the lectures are requested to enter their names at the Anatomical Schools. An analysis of the lectures may be had at Messrs. Macmillan and Co.'s.

POISONS. A work just published by Drs. Tardieu and Roussin gives some curious details respecting the various toxic substances employed by murderers from 1851 to 1862. Arsenic was used in 232 instances, phosphorus scraped off lucifer matches in 170, sulphate of copper in 77, verdigris in 33, sulphuric acid in 30, cantharides in 23, opium in 6, and hellebore in 6. Eighteen other substances "are only represented by insignificant figures." In one very remarkable case foxglove was the agent employed.

A CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL. Mrs. Gladstone calls attention in the *Times* to two points in the proposed scheme for the Convalescent Hospital which, we think, deserve especial attention. The free admission of patients, it is hoped, will do away with the injurious effects of delay. There will be no card or other system of canvassing. The words "it is not intended to admit the pauper class," mean simply the exclusion of those who are not industrious, and who do not help themselves. The effort to raise a Convalescent Hospital for the east of London is an enlargement of a work which has already been commenced, but which had arrived at the point at which it was desirable that it should open out into a wider sphere.

MERCHANT SEAMEN. Three papers relating to this subject have been recently ordered to be printed by the House of Commons. They relate to the dietary scales at present used, the continued prevalence of scurvy, and the mode of admeasurement of tonnage. A Bill to amend existing regulations on these points will be shortly brought before Parliament under the auspices of the Board of Trade. Statistics of mortality among merchant seamen are necessarily somewhat imperfect, as many deaths occur abroad which are not registered in England. It appears, however,

from the numbers given by the Registrar-General, that mortality among sailors is less than 2 per cent. of all living, indicating a smaller average than that obtained from the grand totals of deaths throughout England and Wales. The statistics of the *Dreadnought* hospital ship show that from 25 to 30 per cent. of the mortality among seamen is caused by consumption, and from 8 to 10 per cent. by dysentery. Out of 2,186 patients admitted into the *Dreadnought* last year, 1,079 were suffering from diseases more than half of which are entirely, and the rest in a greater or less degree, preventable. Many of these cases are discharged relieved only, which result indicates a reduced amount of physical power. The application of measures that are already framed by the Board of Trade would at once prevent a large proportion of these avoidable diseases, and an extension of the Contagious Diseases Act to all seaports in the United Kingdom and British possessions would do much to abolish the rest.—*Times*, March 26.

TRIAL FOR POISONING. Mary Gardham was indicted for the manslaughter of Alice Jacques, at Hull, on the 27th of February. The prisoner, an elderly woman, who keeps a druggist's shop at Hull, was applied to on the 25th of February, by the father of the deceased, a little girl, for a worm-powder. This powder the prisoner took from a bottle or jar in the shop, containing a quantity of powder, and, without weighing or measuring it, gave it to the father. His wife on the same day administered it to the deceased. The deceased in the course of a few hours after taking the powder became very ill, and died on the 1st inst. Upon a *post mortem* examination being made, an ulcerated patch was discovered at the large end of the stomach, which had eaten through the mucous coat, and the bowels were also much inflamed. The medical man who had made the examination said all the appearances were such as to lead to the belief that death had been caused by an irritant and corrosive poison, such as calomel would be if administered in an excessive dose, or if imperfectly reduced to powder; but he could not say that they were not also consistent with death from natural causes. Mr. Justice Smith directed the jury that it would hardly be safe upon the evidence to convict the prisoner. The jury returned a verdict of *Not Guilty*.

COMMUNICATIONS, LETTERS, ETC., have been received from:—

Dr. Samelson, Manchester (with enclosure); Dr. C. Handfield Jones (with enclosure); Mr. T. M. Stone; Dr. George Johnson (with enclosure); Mr. J. I. Ikin (with enclosure); Dr. Waller Lewis (with enclosure); Mr. J. B. Curgenvin; Dr. William Budd, Bristol; Dr. J. Russell Reynolds (with enclosure); Dr. Andrew Clark (with enclosure); Mr. Callender; Mr. J. Wilkinson; A Leeds Fellow; Mr. J. N. Radcliffe; Mr. W. Turner, Edinburgh; The Secretaries of the Harveian Society of London; Mr. J. Cronyn, Dublin; Dr. C. Taylor, Nottingham (with enclosure); Dr. Styrap, Shrewsbury; Dr. G. Hare Philipson, Newcastle-on-Tyne (with enclosure); Dr. Chambers; Mr. Reginald Harrison, Leeds; The Secretaries of the Epidemiological Society; The Secretaries of the Western Medical and Surgical Society; Dr. Gervis; Mr. Augustin Pritchard, Clifton, Bristol; Dr. Lanchester, Croydon; Mr. Holmes (with enclosure); Mr. Hulke (with enclosure); Mr. A. B. Steele, Liverpool; Dr. Kelly, Taunton; Dr. Lory Marsh; Dr. Starlin (with enclosure); Dr. W. L. Winterbotham; Mr. G. Naylor; Mr. Sankey; Dr. Bryan; Mr. Hawes; The Commissioners of Lunacy; The Registrar-General of England; Mr. Donnelly; Mr. Mivart; Dr. Cobbold; and Mr. F. Bartleet (with enclosure).

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

Intestinal Obstruction. By W. Brinton, M.D., F.R.S. Edited by T. Buzzard, M.D. London: 1867.
Chemistry, Inorganic and Organic, with Experiments. By C. L. Bloxam. London: 1867.

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, 2 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. Epidemiological Society, 8 P.M. Dr. Macpherson (late Inspector-General of Hospitals, Bengal Army), "The Early Sites of Cholera in India from the Middle of the Sixteenth Century to the Present Day"; Mr. J. N. Radcliffe, "The Propagation of Cholera by Water as a Medium, with Special Reference to the Outbreak at Theydon-Bois, Essex, in 1865."
- TUESDAY. Pathological Society of London, 8 P.M. Anthropological Society of London, 8 P.M.
- WEDNESDAY. Obstetrical Society of London. 7.30 P.M., Council Meeting. 8 P.M., Special Meeting.
- THURSDAY. Harveian Society of London, 8 P.M. Dr. Chapman, "On Paralysis"; and Dr. C. Meredyth, "On Hygiene in Relation to Syphilis."
- FRIDAY. Western Medical and Surgical Society of London, 8 P.M. For the Narration of Cases.

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.

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

L. S., Dublin.—It is not usual for an artist to write "this is a cow" under his drawing; nor should it be necessary for a writer repeatedly to refer to his own statements as "very important", for they should sufficiently indicate their importance without such description; but we see no serious fault in the paragraphs marked.

DR. JUKES STYRAP, Shrewsbury.—1. We shall be happy to publish any resolution of the Branch on the subject of the Representation of the Medical Profession in Parliament. Whether by corporate franchise or otherwise, we think the claim of our profession to a more ample representation is undeniable. 2. Thanks for the compliment.

L.S.A. brings to notice the following lines from the *Fairy Queen*, as appropriate in some degree to the present "movement" for female practitioners.

"So prosper'd the sweet lass, her strength alone
Thrust deftly back the dislocated bone;
Then culling curious herbs, of virtue tried,
While her white smock the needful bands supplied;
With many a coil the limb she swathed around,
And nature's strength return'd, nor knew the former wound."

A THIRD YEARS STUDENT.—Under the circumstances mentioned, there is no doubt the College of Surgeons will allow our correspondent to make up the four years required by the regulations by attendance at the Hôtel Dieu. We can recommend M. De la Bussière, of 9, Warwick Street, Regent Street, as well qualified to "coach" him up in French before starting.

DR. STONELEY.—Charges are not admitted for attendance on officers, nor women in childbirth; neither for soldiers on common furlough, unless taken ill on the route to rejoin their corps, in which case particulars must be furnished.

REPORT ON FOOD PRODUCTS.

The Food Committee of the Society of Arts are pursuing their useful labours with energy and ability. We have in preparation a Report on Food Products and Articles of Invalid Dietary, in which we shall discuss the various substances now in use in some detail.

We have received from the Secretary of the Commissioners of Lunacy a copy of the judgment in the case of Finch v. Smiles (for receiving an uncertificated lunatic). We have already referred to the details of the case. The summing up of the Judge conveys so accurately and judiciously the bearing of the law in such cases that, although compelled to hold it over this week, we shall publish it in our next impression.

MIXED ANÆSTHETIC VAPOURS: ETHER-SPRAY.

SIR,—As the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL is so eminently practical, perhaps you would let me offer a word or two of caution to practitioners, as to what are esteemed vast improvements in the art of administration of anæsthetics.

Though not giving very much attention to what are termed "mixed vapours", as I have doubts of their value, I have obtained the particulars of four deaths from such "mixed vapours"; and I believe there are many more. It is well this should be known, for the credit of chloroform, pure and simple; and as it is constantly alleged the mixed vapours are entirely free from danger.

Next, as to the ether-spray as a local anæsthetic. Various cases have been noticed where the necessary wound made for removal of such a small thing as a fatty tumour, has become sloughy and extensively gangrenous, leaving an ugly large cicatrix. Bits of dead bone have come away, as the result of necrosis from the freezing process; and in a Cæsarean section case, the wound did not close, but became gangrenous. May it not be that, after all, we have been frightening ourselves too much about chloroform?

I am, etc., CHARLES KIDD, M.D.

Sackville Street, February 25th, 1867.

DR. H. SMITH.—Willcock's laws relating to the profession will give you the desired information.

F. S.—The proprietor of the nostrum is stated to have been the late Mr. Ingram; but we cannot suppose the gentleman named has anything to do with Parr's Life Pills, although formerly connected with the compounder.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S.—We are unable to give all the information; but, from an old return before us, it appears that from 1823 to 1832 inclusive, 2143 gentlemen received their diplomas from the College of Surgeons, and 141 were rejected.

DR. H. WILLIAMS.—The collection of microscopic preparations is exhibited every Wednesday.

PROFESSOR MORISON'S last counterblast against vaccination is worth preservation:—

"The Vaccine Poison.—Can't you leave well alone! Why throw a poison into the blood of a healthy child to create a fever from which it may never recover!! thereby causing days and nights of watching, which must inevitably lead to a complete state of pauperism through the country!!!"

A STAFF-SURGEON (Portsmouth) should forward his name to the General Secretary, Mr. T. Watkin Williams, 13, Newhall Street, Birmingham, who will take steps for his being enrolled in the new list of members of the Association.

STAMPS.—The number of stamps issued to the principal London weekly newspapers during the year ending 30th June 1866, was as follows:—BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, 114,400; *Weekly Times*, 111,600; *Law Times*, 108,000; *Punch*, 101,500; *Athenæum*, 84,000; *Lancet*, 81,575; *Mining Journal*, 76,879; and *Homeward Mail*, 70,000.