

these iodised collodions possess therapeutic power of a very high order. I am, etc.,

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Newcastle-on-Tyne, April 1867.

Medical News.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND. The following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examinations for the diploma, were admitted members of the College at a meeting of the Court of Examiners, on April 23rd.

Barry, James William, Ramsgate
Bennett, William James, Dorchester
Coddington, John Frederic, Newcastle, Australia
Dukes, Clement, L.S.A., Hackney
Edwards, Edward Noble, L.S.A., Kennington Terrace
Fairbank, John, Highbury
Harvard, David, Newport, Pembrokeshire
Hopgood, Philip Downing, Chipping Norton
Jones, George Francis, Prittlewell, Essex
Joseph, Thomas Morgan, Bultth, South Wales
Lloyd, Thomas Charles, Llandysul, Cardiganshire
Martin, Anthony Herbert, L.S.A., Evesham, Worcestershire
Murphy, Thomas Charles, Ealing
Rawlings, James, L.S.A., Liskeard, Cornwall
Saul, William Wingate, Sibsey, Lincolnshire
Shoppes, Edward Collett, Kentish Town
Wade, Charles, Crass, Somerset
Walker, William Abraham, Chesterfield
Williams, Essex Thomas, St. David's, Penbrokeshire
Winckworth, Charles Trew, L.S.A., Horsham
Williams, John Terrill, Tavistock

ROYAL COLLEGES OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, EDINBURGH. (Double Qualification.) The following gentlemen passed their first professional examinations during the recent sittings of the examiners.

Bridgford, John Sayer, London	Hamilton, David James, Falkirk
Campbell, Wm. John, Poonagh	Mackie, William, Glasgow
Davies, Enoch, South Wales	Ward, Wm. John C., Lancaster,
Dewar, John, Glasgow	Durham
Gillies, John, Skye	Watters, George, Caithness
Gowans, Wm., Prestonkirk	

The following gentlemen passed their final examinations, and were admitted L.R.C.P. Edinburgh, and L.R.C.S. Edinburgh.

Alexander, John, Caithness-shire	Esby, William, Durham
Allan, Wm. Munden, Newfoundland	Jones, David Edgar, Cardigan-shire
Atherton, A. B., New Brunswick	Leader, John, co. Cork
Barrick, Eli James, Canada West	M' Rae, John, Ross-shire
Brownan, John, Kerry	Stevenson, Robert, Kilwinning
Brown, Samuel, Jamaica	Todhunter, Thomas, Whitehaven
Cascard, J., Ballintra, Ireland	Vacher, Francis, London
Clampitt, Richard Voight, Devon	Woodfield, Thomas K. V., Sun-
Davidson, J. K., Caithness-shire	derland

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, EDINBURGH. The following gentleman passed their final examinations, and were admitted Licentiates of the College during the recent sittings of the examiners.

Barrie, Andrew David, Madras	Hevns, Edward, co. Clare
Crooker, Titus Cummins, Canada West	Holden, Charles, New Brunswick
Finlay, William A., Edinburgh	Hunter, R., Kilrea, Ireland
Gardner, James, Creff	Lupton, Alfred Wm., Wakefield
Galkie, Walter Bayne, Edinburgh	M'Ilroy, J., Bushmilla, Ireland
	Turner, Robert Shand, Banffshire

APOTHECARIES' HALL. On April 11th, 1867, the following Licentiates were admitted:—

Anderson, William, Stockwell, Surrey
Beaman, Edward Henry, Upholland, near Wigan
Dobson, Nelson Congreve, Holbeach
Jeaffreson, Christopher Samuel, Birmingham
Lee, Francis Boynton, Beeston Hill, Leeds
Morgan, John William, Oystermouth, near Swansea
Morgan, Richard, Aberdare
Tinley, Thomas, Whitty

APPOINTMENTS.

HARRISON, Charles, M.D., elected Honorary Surgeon to the Lincoln General Dispensary, vice John Hewson, F.R.C.S., deceased.
HENDERSON, B. W., M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., has been appointed Physician to the London Infirmary for Epilepsy and Paralysis.

MARRIAGES.

HOSTEN, Richard Frederick, Esq., of Leamington, to Anne Caroline, younger daughter of George FAYAR, M.D., of Hurst House, Henley-in-Arden, on April 24.
LOCKERWOOD, J., M.A., M.D., of Newbury, Berks, to Eliza, daughter of the late A. DEATON, Esq., of Auchensiere, Aberdeenshire, at the Scots Church, Halkin Street, on April 13.
THOMAS—EASTON. On April 24th, at Bradford, near Taunton, by the Rev. F. Howse, brother-in-law of the bride, assisted by the Rev. H. J. Adair, vicar, Robert Wrentmore THOMAS, Esq., Surgeon, Nenth, Glamorganshire, to Fanny, daughter of Edward Easton, Esq., of Stone House, Taunton.

DR. SUTHERLAND has lately arrived in Malta from England, and is actively employed collecting materials with which to frame a report on the sanitary state of the barracks in this island, and other matters connected with hygiene. Mr. Bateman, an eminent civil engineer, has been sent to Malta by the Colonial Office, to give his opinion on the best means of improving the water supply.

A MUSSELBURGH BAILLIE'S OPINION ON THE BEST WATER FOR MAKING TODDY. We find in the *Shields Daily News* a note to the following effect:—"The Senior Baillie of Musselburgh (Mr. Peter Millar, of Eakside) has requested us to state, in reference to the discussion at the Town Council meeting on Monday night, upon the condition of the public wells, that it was not Dr. Sanderson's opinion, but his own, 'that the finest toddy was made from the worst water in the town.'"

BEQUESTS. Mrs. Mary Ann Smith, recently deceased, has bequeathed £1000 each to the London Fever Hospital, the Royal Free Hospital, and the Samaritan Free Hospital. Miss Elizabeth Wickins has bequeathed £100 to the Salisbury Infirmary. Both ladies have left numerous legacies to other non-medical charities. Mr. William Gilpin, late Treasurer of Christ's Hospital, has bequeathed £200 to the Convalescent Institution.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL SCIENCE. A meeting of the Health Department of this Association will be held on Monday evening next, at eight o'clock, to discuss Dr. Lankester's Fourth Annual Report of the Coroner for Central Middlesex, embracing—1, the employment of experts in coroners' courts; 2, the introduction of the inquiries of the coroners' court into workhouses; 3, the erection of mortuaries in the metropolis. Also, Mr. Curgenven's paper on "Waste of Infant Life" will be discussed.

THE IRISH REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S RETURN. The number of deaths registered in Ireland in the fourth quarter of the year 1866 was 22,260, and, assuming that all the deaths were registered, the proportional number would be 16 per 1,000 of population per annum—a proportion slightly in excess of that of the corresponding quarter of the previous year. Cholera and diarrhoea were the prevailing epidemics. At Skull the deaths of four young females are recorded from low continued fever (three in one family). These deaths occurred where pure air was inaccessible, and where filth abounded internally and externally. Cookstown was visited with a severe epidemic of fever; 15 cases were entered in the Dispensary relief register alone. The majority of these patients resided in a block of houses described as filthy, wretchedly ventilated, and badly sewered, with manure heaps and a large cesspool in the immediate vicinity. The registrar of Tarraghan complains that floodings were frequent, and uterine diseases prevailed to a large extent, owing to the brutal manner in which females were treated by the women attending them as midwives, and the quantity of whiskey consumed during parturition. An accurate

return of the number of deaths, or cause of death (especially infantile), was quite impossible, as a medical and registrar's certificate of the cause of death is not required in Ireland before interment. The sanitary state of Arklow was most unsatisfactory; the same state of overcrowded habitations, deficient sewerage, and want of pure water has existed in this district for the past thirteen years; the deaths, 131, greatly exceeded the births, 51. In many instances deaths from cholera were ascribed to other diseases; the lower classes, having a horror of speedy burials and the consequent loss of "wakes," assigned the cause of death to anything save cholera. The report testifies to the benefits resulting from the compulsory Vaccination Act, very few deaths from smallpox being recorded. The death of a man is recorded from hydrophobia, caused by the bite of a cat.

VIVISECTION. The following protest has appeared in the papers: "We, the Court of Examiners for Scotland of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, desire to express our opinion that the performance of operations on living animals is altogether unnecessary and useless for the purpose of instruction—James Syme, Chairman; James Dunsmure, M.D., P.R.C.S.E.; J. Warburton Begbie, M.D.; John Lawson, President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons; R. Cartledge, M.R.C.V.S., Consulting Member of Council; William Cockburn, M.R.C.V.S.; William Robertson, M.R.C.V.S., Charles Secker, M.R.C.V.S.; James Cowie, M.R.C.V.S. I fully concur in the above, William Wilkinson, Principal Veterinary Surgeon to the Forces."

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH. The half-yearly meeting of the General Council of Edinburgh University was held on Tuesday week, Principal Sir David Brewster presiding. Mr. Gilbert was elected Secretary, in the room of the late Mr. Alexander Smith. The general council having at the last meeting represented to the University Court the propriety of memorialising Government to assign one representative to the University of Edinburgh in the event of any measure of Reform being introduced, the deliverance of the Court was now read, to the effect that the Court had memorialised Government and petitioned both Houses of Parliament in terms of the representation of the General Council. The Rev. K. M. Phin, Galashiels, moved that the Council should also itself take action in the matter at the present favourable opportunity. The University of Edinburgh presented a constituency of upwards of 2000, which was capable of being increased to 2500. It had a larger constituency than the three other Scottish Universities put together, which might also be considered to be entitled to one representative. It had a larger constituency than Trinity College, Dublin, which had two members, and in point of numbers had a better right to one member than the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge had to two. Professor Christison seconded the motion, and it was resolved to transmit the petition for the House of Lords to the Duke of Buccleuch, and the petition for the House of Commons to Mr. Moncreiff, M.P. The Council then took into consideration the report of a committee on certain proposed changes on the course of study in Arts. The proposal was that it should be optional to the candidate for a degree in Arts to omit one of three classes in mental science—namely, moral philosophy, logic, or rhetoric, and to take in lieu one of the following classes in physical science—namely, chemistry, physiology, natural history, political economy, or botany. The report elicited so much difference of opinion and so strong opposition that it fell to the ground. A letter

from a committee of the General Council of St. Andrew's University as to the institution of a general competition among the Scottish Universities for honours in Arts, or alternatively the foundation of open scholarships was referred to a committee. The meeting then adjourned.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's, 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. Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. Routh, "On Hypertrophy of the Breast in connexion with Uterine Disease."
TUESDAY. Anthropological Society of London, 8 P.M.
WEDNESDAY. Obstetrical Society of London, 7 P.M. Council Meeting, 8 P.M. Mr. Dunn, "On a Fatal Case of Rupture of the Uterus"; Dr. Barnes, "Pregnancy, complicated with Smallpox"; Dr. Hicks, "On a Case of Extrauterine Fœtation"; Dr. Playfair, "On the Treatment of Labour complicated by Ovarian Tumour"; and other papers.
THURSDAY. Harvelian Society of London, 8 P.M. Dr. H. Power, "On Ulcers of the Cornea." Adjourned debate on the Causes of Excessive Infant Mortality.
FRIDAY. Western Medical and Surgical Society of London, 8 P.M. Dr. Martyn, "On the Cause of the Premature Decay of the Teeth"; Nomination of Officers.

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, New-hall Street, Birmingham; or to the Secretaries of their respective Branches.

All Letters and Communications for the JOURNAL, to be addressed to the EDITOR, 87, Great Queen St., Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

AUTHORS OF PAPERS are respectfully requested to make all necessary alterations in their copy before sending it to the JOURNAL. Proofs are furnished to authors, not for further changes, but that the writer may correct the printer when he has misread the manuscript.

Communications as to the transmission of the JOURNAL, should be sent to Mr. RICHARDS, 37, 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.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

MR. HECKSTALL SMITH has presented the balance returned to him of his donation to the Auxiliary Fund of the Medical Provident Society—viz., £8:16:6—to the Medical Benevolent Fund. Mr. Poole, 32A, George Street, Hanover Square, is the Collector for the Fund. The beneficent purposes of the Fund, and the quiet, unobtrusive, but most extensive and admirable charities, which are administered without any drawback of working expenses, are well known to the profession, and entitle it to the most earnest and general sympathy and support.

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.

We are much indebted to Dr. Harling for the interesting communication which his letter covers.

THE LADY SECRETARY OF THE FEMALE MEDICAL SOCIETY.—We have submitted the letter to Dr. Palfrey, whose explanation is, we think, quite satisfactory on the subject; and the matter is one which it does not seem at all necessary to discuss in the columns of this JOURNAL.

WIGHT C. FIELD.

The following subscriptions have been further received.

Amount previously announced	180	17	6
G. Burnand, Esq.	5	5	0
G. Burt, Esq.	2	2	0
E. Barker, Esq.	1	1	0
A. B. Carpenter, Esq.	1	1	0
Dr. Carr, Blackheath	1	1	0
W. Cathrow, Esq.	1	1	0
G. Critchett, Esq.	2	2	0
Dr. Falconer, Bath	1	1	0
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Major Greenway	2	2	0
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C. Lingen, Esq., Hereford	1	1	0
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T. H. Smith, Esq., St. Mary's Cray	1	1	0
Dr. Tanner	9	8	0
W. Thomas, Esq.	5	5	0
G. Turner, Esq.	1	1	0
N. B. Ward, Esq.	1	1	0
Dr. Wight	10	10	0
Erasmus Wilson, Esq.	2	2	0

Further subscriptions will be received at this office; or by the Treasurer, Dr. Langmore, Sussex Gardens.

MAGUIRE'S IMPROVED NEW WATER FILTER.

We have had examined with care Maguire and Sons' (Dawson Street, Dublin) Improved New Water Filter, and have had its value tested. We can speak with confidence of its advantages in the following respects. The filtering material being placed in a lower inner case, which is moveable, every part of the filter is easily cleaned; and the filtering material may be renewed. The filtering medium is a preparation of pure animal charcoal, of which Dr. Frankland has with justice spoken as the most admirable material for purifying water. The delivery from the filter is rapid, and very impure water is perfectly freed from organic mixture when delivered at the tap. We tested it with complex fluids severely, and the performance of the filter is excellent. For the purpose of renewal, it is necessary to burn the filtering material, which should be done twice every year. The material may be taken out for renewal with great ease. In the construction of the Stoneware Filter, nothing but stone ware is used, even to the taps, which are Leoni's well known taps. They are of well designed shape, and remarkable for their cheapness. Dr. Cameron, the Dublin City Analyst, describes this filter with justice, as "fully realising his idea of a moderate priced and efficacious water filter."

DISPLACEMENT OF THE ARM AS A CAUSE OF DIFFICULT LABOUR. SIR,—I fear that my letter, in answer to Dr. Eastlake, can scarcely have been intelligible to your readers, since the diagram which I intended to accompany it was not inserted. I regret this the more, since the figure in Sir James Simpson's paper has no lettering attached to it. It may, however, suffice, if you will allow me to explain that the letter A refers to the point of the elbow in Simpson's diagram, and B to the vertex.

I am, etc.,

W. S. PLAYFAIR.

5, Curzon Street, Mayfair, April 16th, 1867.

"QUININE ALE."

MESSES. ARNOTT AND SONS, of Manchester Street, have introduced a dietetic article, which will, we think, be very popular. Their "Quinine Ale" is a most agreeable bitter beer. The idea of making bitter beer a vehicle for quinine is a happy one; and the result has been the production of a beverage which has all the qualities of the highest class of bitter beer, and which is not surpassed, if it be equalled, in flavour and quality by the best ales of Allopp or Bass. It contains half a grain of quinine in the imperial half pint. It is a pure, well made, and palatable tonic; and those who were not acquainted with the fact, that it owes part of the "bitter" quality to quinine instead of excess of hops, could only remark it for the excellence of its flavour.

"SCHWALHEIM" WATER.

THE natural table water of Schwalheim is not so well known in this country as it is likely to be. In flavour it is most agreeable, and compares favourably with Seltzer water, and other well known mineral waters which are favourites at the table. It belongs to the class of acidulated alkaline water, and a small percentage of peroxide of iron. It contains double the quantity of carbonic acid and half less chloride of soda than Seltzer; and as an effervescent alkaline and slightly chalybeate water, possesses qualities which are of the highest value, and which are greatly enhanced by the tenacity with which the carbonic acid is retained, and the effervescent freshness of the water as a beverage. When more generally known, it will certainly become a very popular mineral water.

AN ASSOCIATE, Weymouth.—If our correspondent is assured of the present existence of the abuses in connexion with the speculum, to which he refers, and thinks it his duty to protest, he should, we think, adduce particular instances in proof, and should be prepared to support the opinion which he holds. In a vague charge and general denunciation, such as he forwards, all alike seem threatened, and this must be clearly unjust. We should not hesitate to insert a clear statement of facts, if, on the face of them, they appeared proper for publication. Why should AN ASSOCIATE object to sign his letter in his proper name?

THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

SIR,—Your annotation of last week conveys the impression that the postponement of the reception of the resignation of Mr. I. Baker Brown was the unanimous act of the Council.

Permit me to correct this impression. I arrived late at the meeting in question; so late, that the motion was about to be put from the chair. I could scarcely believe it possible that it would be carried. I strongly opposed it, especially on the ground that the Council had no power to refuse to accept the deliberate resignation of a Fellow.

I did not hear the arguments of those in favour of the postponement; but I was assured afterwards that it was supported by gentlemen whose names command the highest respect. Some of these had not been present at the meeting of the Obstetrical Society, nor had they seen the reports of that meeting; and their only object in supporting the motion for postponement was to gain time for such deliberation as they thought the justice of the case demanded.

I am, etc., A. E. SANSON.

. It was described elsewhere as "unanimous"; and Mr. Brown, in his letter, thanked the Council for their unanimous act of courtesy and kindness.

We are requested to state that among those who have forwarded their resignation to the Medical Society of London, is Mr. James Lane. His name was appended to the document to which we last week referred, and was accidentally omitted in speaking of it.

COMMUNICATIONS, LETTERS, ETC., have been received from:—Mr. T. G. Reed, Edinburgh; Dr. Bazire (with enclosure); The Registrar-General of Ireland; Mr. W. Vacy Lyle; Dr. Samelson, Manchester (with enclosure); Mr. A. B. Steele, Liverpool; The Registrar-General of England; Mr. T. M. Stone; Mr. Evans, Carnarvon; Mr. C. H. Moore (with enclosure); Mr. W. Morrant Baker (with enclosure); Dr. George Johnson (with enclosure); The Honorary Secretary of the Western Medical and Surgical Society of London; Mr. Mivart; Dr. W. Murray, Newcastle; Mr. Weeden Cooke; Mr. Homer, Barnstaple; Dr. J. C. Morgan, Manchester (with enclosure); Mr. J. L. Green, Salisbury; Dr. Bishop, Culworth (with enclosure); Dr. Barnes; Dr. H. Dobell; A. B. C.; Mr. Henry Lee; Mr. James Lane; Dr. J. Macpherson; Dr. A. Duchenne, Boulogne; Mr. John Fox, Weymouth; Dr. Gervis; Dr. P. Leslie, Birmingham; Mr. J. B. Curgenven; Dr. A. Ernest Sanson; The Honorary Secretaries of the Harveian Society; Mr. C. W. Browne, Kew Green; Dr. Maudsley; Dr. Atkinson; Dr. Semple; Dr. Waller Lewis; Dr. Forbes Winslow; Mr. Highley; Dr. Palfrey; The Registrar of the Medical Society of London; Mr. E. J. Watherston; and Dr. Fayer.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

A Dictionary of Science, Literature, and Art. Fourth edition. By W. T. Brande, D.C.L., and the Rev. G. W. Cox, M.A. London: 1867.

The Eleventh Annual Report of the State of the United Lunatic Asylum for the County and Borough of Nottingham, 1866. Nottingham: 1867.

Some Account of the Pavilion Hospital recently erected at the Chorlton Union Workhouse, Withington, near Manchester. By T. Worthington.

The Prevention of Pauperism.

The Birmingham Daily Gazette, April 11th.

The John Bull, April 20th.

The Limerick Chronicle, April 20th.