

feeling as that of Friday last goes far to prove that the terrible loss which has fallen upon us may have a practical and beneficial result. It is a privilege, although a painful one, to have been able to sustain such a loss; to appreciate it *properly* would be an indication that many would be anxious to imitate that life which has made so strong a charm on their attention. Is any practical and immediate result to follow so undoubted an expression of widely spread feeling? Mr. Martin was, to use a common expression, cut off in mid career. It is not for any one to say how much he might have done had he lived to the length of years prescribed by the psalmist, but there is just reason to believe he would have done much. When the County Hospital, now in progress at Guildford, was first projected, Mr. Martin pointed out that some name, not including the whole county, should be used. Guildford being near one of the extremities of the county, and that not the most populous one, must prevent that enlarged use of the hospital which would accrue if it had a more central position. The name it retained, but the facts will remain the same. The hospital will not be much used by those who live in this part of the county. Could not a hospital for his own native town which he loved so much, be built as a memorial to Mr. Martin. No imprudent scheme need be entered into, but such a memorial would be, as it were, carrying on the work to which a great part of Mr. Martin's useful life was devoted. (Abridged from *Surrey Standard*.)

## Association Intelligence.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS: ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

THE following reply has been received in answer to the Memorial lately presented by the President and Members of the British Medical Association, and published at 510 of the JOURNAL for November 7.

Royal College of Surgeons of England, London, W.C.  
24th day of Nov. 1863.

SIR,—I have laid before the Council of this College your letter of the 23rd ultimo, addressed to the President of the College; together with its enclosure, a Memorial from the President and Members of the British Medical Association, requesting the Council of this College to take into consideration the propriety of altering its Bye Laws, in regard to the election of Members of Council; or, if necessary, of obtaining the legal power of doing so, so that non-resident Fellows of the College may be enabled to vote by proxy at the annual election of Members of Council.

And I am desired, in reply to your communication, to transmit to you the enclosed copy of the Fifteenth Section of the Charter of the 7th of Victoria; from which it will be perceived that the voting at elections of Members of the Council by the Fellows in person is not regulated by Bye Laws, but is a provision of the Charter by which the Fellowship of this College was instituted.

I am also directed to inform you that, although every consideration has been given to the wishes of so large a number of the profession as the Members of the Provincial Medical Association, it is not thought expedient, by applying for a new or supplementary Charter, to endeavour to effect the object to which their Memorial relates.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,  
EDM. BELFOUR, *Secretary*.

T. Watkin Williams, Esq.,  
Gen. Sec. to the British Medical Association, etc.

[COPY.]

### Section 15, Charter 7th Victoria.

"That the Members of the Council of the College shall hereafter be elected by the Fellows of the said College, including the Members of the Council as such; and such Fellows, whether Members of the Council or not, shall be allowed to vote in person only, and not by proxy: and that any number of Fellows (not being less than fifteen present) at a meeting convened for the purpose of electing a Member or Members of Council, shall be competent to proceed to such election."

EDM. BELFOUR, *Sec.*

### BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

NAME OF BRANCH.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DATE.
WEST SOMERSET. [Conversazione.]	Clarke's Castle Hotel, Taunton.	Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1864.

## Reports of Societies.

### ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 1863.

R. PARTRIDGE, Esq., F.R.S., President, in the Chair.

THE TREATMENT OF FROSTBITE BY FRICTION WITH SNOW, FOLLOWED BY INCISIONS. BY A. ROWAND, M.D., QUEBEC.

THE method adopted by the author was as follows. After reaction had been induced by careful friction with snow, incisions were made into the diseased structure. This treatment was adopted by the author in two cases, the details of which he gave. Incisions were useful, not only in preventing inflammation and mortification caused by too great reaction, but by setting the blood in motion also, when it has been stopped by the action of the cold, and should be employed consequently at an early period.

CANCEROUS INFILTRATION OF THE ENTIRE PENIS: SECONDARY DEPOSITS. BY HOLMES COOTE, ESQ.

A man was admitted into St. Bartholomew's Hospital, under the care of Mr. COOTE, with cancerous infiltration of the entire penis. It was found that he could not inhale chloroform without showing alarming symptoms of collapse. In the course of a month he died. On examination afterwards it was found that the whole penis was occupied by soft cancerous deposit; that there was a cancerous ulcer of the bladder; and cancerous deposits in the lungs and bronchial glands, and several of the bones. The head was not examined. The heart was in a state of extreme fatty degeneration.

MUCOUS CYST ON THE LARYNGEAL ASPECT OF THE EPIGLOTTIS, SEEN BY THE LARYNGOSCOPE, AND SUCCESSFULLY TREATED BY INCISION. BY ARTHUR E. DURHAM, ESQ.

The patient, a very intelligent lad, aged 11, was admitted into Guy's Hospital, under the care of Dr. Wilks, on June 10th, 1863. He had for three years suffered from gradually increasing impairment of voice, and difficulty of breathing and swallowing. On admission, all his symptoms were very severe; he complained of pain, increased by pressure, about the larynx; he did not breathe freely; his voice was reduced to a low whisper; solids seemed to stick in his throat, and he could only swallow liquids with difficulty. During the night of the 14th he was seized, as he had previously been on several occasions, while asleep, with a very severe attack of dyspnoea. Tracheotomy was upon the point of being performed, but was delayed by the desire of Dr. Wilks, and on the following morning, Mr. DURHAM was requested to make a laryngoscopic examination. On doing so, the

than any other which has hitherto been published, so far as I am aware.

J. H—g, Esq., of Sligo, aged about 45, consulted me in the autumn of 1861. The history of his case is as follows. Some time previously, he had been attacked with chorio-iritis of the left eye, for which the usual medical treatment was employed without effect; and, after a period of about two years, he became perfectly blind of the eye. His right eye remained healthy for some eighteen months afterwards, when it also became affected, and for this he underwent a repetition of the same treatment employed to check the disease in the other. He had had medical advice in both London and Dublin, but had not hitherto had the good fortune to meet with any gentleman who practised iridectomy. At the time I saw him he was, according to his own statement, becoming gradually blind of his right eye also. On examination, I found his eyes in the following state. Left eye of normal size, hard to the touch, and of hyper-presbyopic build; conjunctiva of a yellowish tinge; ciliary vessels prominent and tortuous; anterior chamber reduced to a minimum, so that the cornea and iris were almost in apposition; iris much discoloured, its pupillary margin adherent in its whole extent to the capsule of the lens. The lens and its capsule were but slightly opaque; sufficiently so, however, to prevent ophthalmoscopic examination. Vision was in this eye so completely destroyed that he could not see the flame of a candle held within a few inches of his face. The right eye presented almost the same phenomena as the left, but in a minor degree, as he could still read No. 19 of Jäger's test-type when held close to his face. An interesting point with regard to his vision was the extreme astigmatism for objects placed vertically before him, showing the loss of symmetry about the axis of the eye. I performed iridectomy on this eye, in the presence of Mr. Colles, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland. His eye, when I last saw him, about eighteen months after the operation, was in the following state. The disease was completely arrested; the eye had recovered its normal tension; the conjunctiva had a healthy and almost natural colour; anterior chamber of good depth. There is a large iridectomy at the internal or nasal side of the iris, which has its apex at the ciliary ligament, and its base at the natural pupil. The lens is slightly opaque. His sight is now so much improved that he can correspond with his friends, myself among the number; can superintend his farming operations; and, by looking through a pin-hole or any small aperture, he can distinguish exceedingly remote and distant objects. I should mention that the improvement of vision commenced almost immediately after the operation.

I am, etc., J. G. HILDIGE, F.R.C.S.I.,  
*Surgeon to the National Eye and Ear Hospital.*

Dublin, November 1863.

**MILK FROM THE LONDON COW.** At the last meeting of the Association of the Medical Officers of Health, the necessity for increased accommodation for typhus patients was insisted upon. The subject of the unwholesomeness of diseased meat was fully discussed, and the highly objectionable character of the milk yielded by cows in the London cowsheds insisted on. The milk of stall-fed cows is poor, watery, innutritious, and in many cases, was said to be decidedly unwholesome, many instances of disease and ulceration of the alimentary canal of infants being traced to the diseased milk on which they are fed. So strongly has this evil impressed itself on the Vestry of St. James's, Westminster, that they have now determined not to license any cowshed in the parish. This proceeding has met with the most strenuous opposition on the part of the cowkeepers, and will probably be brought before the Court of Queen's Bench.

## Medical News.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.** 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 Nov. 17th:—

Barker, William Lewington, Hungerford  
Bellamy, Edward, Balham  
Dickson, John Thompson, Clapham Park  
Douglas, Mordey, Sunderland  
Fox, Francis, Kilburn  
Franklin, Charles, Maida Hill  
Geoghegan, Richard Taylor, Birkenhead  
Grace, Alfred, Donnend, near Bristol  
Haxworth, Walter, Barnsley, Yorkshire  
Jameson, William Hugh, M.D., Caistor, Lincolnshire  
Lebrun, Pierre Joseph Désiré, M.D., Brussels  
Lewis, Alfred, M.D., Haverstock Hill  
Lord, Richard, M.D., Crewe, Cheshire  
Muir, Henry Skey, M.D., Gloucester Place, Regent's Park  
Murray, Thomas, Trinidad  
Mussen, Arthur, M.D., Lisburn, co. Antrim  
Ralfe, Charles Henry, Cambridge  
Rosselley, John Crampen, Watford, Herts  
Sandell, Henry William Adrian, Wood Green  
Waugh, Alexander, Corsley, Wiltshire  
Wilkin, Henry Cox, Dublin  
Zinzen, Robert Vaux, Hindon, Wilts

### Admitted on November 18th:—

Atkinson, James, Hyde, near Manchester  
Beverley, Michael, M.D., Seething, Norfolk  
Burnard, Charles Frederick, Plymouth  
Byrne, Patrick, Manchester  
Elkington, George, Birmingham  
Evershed, Montague Frederic, Billingham, Sussex  
Gilbert, Henry, Birmingham  
Greene, James Sherwin, St. George's, Shropshire  
Grosvenor, George Fox, M.D., Alsager, Cheshire  
Haigh, Sam, Leeds  
Halday, Saunders Barton, Dublin  
Hamlyn, William T. B., Plymouth  
Marriott, Henry Thomas, Colston Bassett, Notts.  
Mudd, Frederic Charles, Chichester  
Philipps, Alfred, Bridgwater  
Ray, Edward Reynolds, Dunwich  
Shears, Arthur, Isleworth  
Sherwin, John, Upwell, Norfolk  
Shaw, Charles Edward Martin, Crewkerne, Somerset  
Smith, Solomon Charles, Halifax  
Stall, William John, Manchester  
Stamford, William Ackrill, Beverley, Yorkshire  
Wall, George, Stourbridge, Worcestershire

### APPOINTMENTS.

ALTHAUS, Paul Julius, M.D., elected Fourth Physician to the Royal Infirmary for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, City Road.  
BETTS, George H., M.D., appointed Medical Officer to the Holloway and North Islington Dispensary.  
BRADAZON, William P., M.D., elected House-Surgeon to the Southern Dispensary, Liverpool, in the room of H. B. Watters, J.R.C.P.Ed.  
BREWER, Thomas, Esq., elected House-Surgeon to the Huddersfield Infirmary, in the room of W. Oxley, Esq.  
\*COOKWORTHY, Joseph C., M.D., appointed Consulting-Physician to the Plymouth Public Dispensary.  
CORRIGAN, Dominic J., M.D., elected President of the King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland.  
DUNCAN, James F., M.D., elected Vice-President of the King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland.  
HALL, Marriott, Esq., appointed House-Surgeon to the Sheffield General Infirmary, in the room of H. J. Knight, Esq.  
HARMAN, John, Esq., elected Resident Medical Officer to the Brixton, Streatham, and Herne Hill Dispensary, in the room of J. T. Merser, M.B.  
HELISHAM, Hector, M.D., elected Medical Officer to the Brixton, Streatham, and Herne Hill Dispensary.  
KETTLE, Henry, Esq., appointed Resident Medical Officer to the Birmingham and Midland Hospital for Sick Children, in the room of A. W. R. Roberts, Esq.  
MASON, Samuel, Esq., appointed House-Surgeon to the Teignmouth Infirmary, in the room of F. D. Harris, Esq.  
MORTON, Thomas, M.D., appointed Medical Officer to the Kilburn Dispensary, in the room of W. H. Cook, M.D.  
ROBERTSON, D. Argyll, M.D., appointed Surgeon to the Southern Eye Dispensary, Edinburgh.  
SCATTERGOOD, Thomas, Esq., elected Surgeon to the Leeds Hospital for Women and Children, in the room of \*G. Morley, Esq.  
SMITH, Aquilla, M.D., elected Vice-President of the King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland.  
WILKE, Richard H., M.D., elected Surgeon to the St. John's Wood and Portland Town Provident Dispensary.

**POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICE.**

FORREST, John P., M.D., to the Kildorrery Dispensary District of the Mitchelstown Union, co. Cork.

HOLLITT, Charles, Esq., to the Third or Canterbury District of the Bleau Union, Kent.

SPEER, Joseph, L.R.C.P. Edin., to District No. 1 of the parish of Liverpool.

SUTTON, William, Esq., to the Smethwick District of the King's Norton Union, Worcestershire.

TWIGG, William, M.D., to the Maguiresbridge Dispensary District of the Lisnakeen Union, co. Permainagh.

WATERS, Henry B., L.R.C.P. Edin., to the parish of Liverpool.

**ARMY.**

ASHTON, Staff-Assistent-Surgeon G., M.B., to be Assistant-Surgeon 102nd Foot.

BECHER, Staff-Assistent-Surgeon E., M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon 104th Foot.

CARTER, Staff-Assistent-Surgeon N., to be Assist.-Surg. 109th Foot.

CHURCHILL, Staff-Assistent-Surgeon A. F., M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon 109th Foot.

DUNSTAN, Staff-Assistent-Surg. J., to be Assist.-Surg. 107th Foot.

FANNIN, Staff-Assistent-Surg. J. E., to be Assist.-Surg. 103rd Foot.

FITZGERALD, Surgeon F. L., 2nd Foot, to be Staff-Surgeon, *vice* W. Stewart, M.D.

FLOOD, Staff-Assistent-Surgeon S., M.B., to be Assistant-Surgeon 106th Foot.

FOLLIOTT, Staff-Assistent-Surg. W., to be Assist.-Surg. 106th Foot.

FRASER, Surgeon-Major J. A., M.D., 18th Foot, to be Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals, *vice* T. R. Jameson, M.D.

HALL, Staff-Assistent-Surgeon R., M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon 103rd Foot.

HANNAH, Staff-Assistent-Surgeon J. B., M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon 101st Foot.

JAMESON, Deputy Inspector-General T. R., M.D., to be Inspector-General of Hospitals, *vice* Williams.

LANGDON, Staff-Assistent-Surg. J., to be Assist.-Surg. 105th Foot.

MENZIES, Staff-Assistent-Surgeon R., to be Surgeon Royal Military Train, *vice* O'Connor D'Arey, M.D.

MILBURN, Staff-Assistent-Surg. T. D., to be Assist.-Surg. 108th Foot.

MORGAN, Staff-Assistent-Surg. T. C., to be Assistant-Surg. 105th Foot.

MULLINS, Staff-Surgeon J., to be Staff-Surgeon-Major, having completed twenty years' full-pay service.

MURRAY, Staff-Assistent-Surgeon J. R., M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon 107th Foot.

NUTT, Staff-Assistent-Surgeon E. G., to be Surgeon 2nd Foot, *vice* F. L. Fitzgerald.

O'FAHRELL, Staff-Assistent-Surgeon I. McDonogh, to be Assistant-Surgeon 108th Foot.

PILE, Staff-Assistent-Surgeon W., M.B., to be Assistant-Surgeon 101st Foot.

SMALL, Staff-Surgeon J., to be Surgeon 13th Foot, *vice* W. G. Trousdale, M.D.

SMITH, Staff-Assistent-Surgeon T. P., M.B., to be Assistant-Surgeon 101th Foot.

STEWART, Staff-Surgeon W., M.D., to be Surgeon 18th Foot, *vice* J. A. Fraser, M.D.

TROUSDELL, Surgeon-Major W. G., M.D., 13th Foot, to be Staff-Surgeon-Major, *vice* J. Small.

TYRRELL, Staff-Assistent-Surg. W. J., to be Assist.-Surg. 102nd Foot.

WATKIN, Staff-Assistent-Surgeon R., to be Assistant-Surgeon Royal Military Train.

WEBB, Staff-Surgeon V., to be Staff-Surgeon-Major, having completed twenty years' full-pay service.

**To be Staff-Assistent-Surgeons:—**

BEEKELEY, Assistant-Surgeon R. W., from half-pay, late 23rd Foot, *vice* E. G. Nutt.

HOLLE, Staff-Assistent-Surgeon D. O., M.D., from half-pay, *vice* W. H. Jenkins, M.D.

KILGOUR, Assistant-Surgeon P., 79th Foot.

LAMP, Assistant-Surgeon H., 50th Foot, *vice* W. Ligertwood, M.D.

LEY, Assistant-Surgeon E. G., M.D., 21st Foot.

LONGHEAD, Assistant-Surgeon J. F., Royal Artillery.

MACARTNEY, Assistant-Surgeon J., from half-pay, late 76th Foot.

MUSCHAMP, Assistant-Surgeon W. H., 2nd Foot, *vice* R. Menzies.

**ROYAL NAVY.**

CLARK, William H., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Aurora*.

EYLES, Gabriel M., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Euryalus*.

HADDOW, Henry, Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Conqueror*.

HURLEY, F. B., M.D., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Warrior*.

MCCARTHY, Denis, Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Rifleman*.

ORD, Christopher K., M.D., Surgeon (additional), to the *Euryalus*, for service with the Marines.

ROBERTSON, Angus, Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Euryalus*.

SAUNDERS, Daniel, Esq., Surgeon, to the *Conqueror*.

**BIRTH.**

BROWN. On November 20th, at Rochester, the wife of \*Frederick J. Brown, M.D., of a daughter.

**DEATHS.**

LANSDOWN. On November 23rd, at Bristol, Elizabeth D., wife of J. G. Lansdown, Esq., Surgeon.

NORRIS, J. H., M.D., at Trimdon House, Durham, aged 56, on November 23.

RIX. On November 19th, at Clapham, aged 24, Marianne Elizabeth, second daughter of the late Samuel S. Rix, Esq., Surgeon, of Tunbridge Wells.

RUSSELL, Richard G., Esq., Surgeon R.N., at Eckington, Derbyshire, aged 41, on November 22.

\*WILSON, George, M.D., at Alnwick, aged 49, on November 12.

**THE KENSINGTON LYING-IN HOSPITAL.** The closure of this hospital is announced, through deficiency in its funds.

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL.** John Hibbert, Esq., has given a further donation of £100 to this Hospital.

**ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.** The Metropolitan Board of Works have accepted the agreement of St. Thomas's for the Stangate site.

**QUEEN'S COLLEGE, GALWAY.** The Chair of Anatomy in the Queen's College, Galway, is vacant. The situation is worth, between salary and fees, close upon £500 a year.

**CHAIR OF CHEMISTRY AT BERLIN.** Professor Bunsen, of Heidelberg, has been appointed to the Professorship at Berlin, rendered vacant by the death of Mitscherlich. Professor Rose, we are told, declined the appointment.

**THE LONDON FEVER HOSPITAL** have determined to add sixty temporary beds to its present number to meet the requirements of the present fever season. It was to assist in this that Her Majesty forwarded a donation £50.

**TESTIMONIAL TO DR. HENTY.** A testimonial (consisting of a silver tea and coffee service) has been presented to Dr. Henty of Newington Butts, by his friends "for his successful services in obtaining for it a railway station, and otherwise improving the parish."

**THE CASE OF DR. COURTNEY.** The judges after very lengthened arguments have given judgment in the case of Dr. Courtney, who applied for a criminal information against Mr. Hunt for malicious prosecution. The judges considered that Mr. Hunt had only done his duty, and they therefore refused the rule applied for by Dr. Courtney.

**ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION.** At a late meeting of the Metropolitan Association of the Medical Officers of Health, a report on Dr. Silvester's method was received; and the general opinion was expressed that, in all cases where artificial respiration is desirable, it is superior to any other plan that has been proposed.

**EXAMINATION OF RECRUITS.** The Provost-Marshal states that since the present rebellion began 200,000 soldiers, after entering on service, have been discharged on medical certificates of disability. It is probable that at least one half of them were unfit for service when received. (*Amer. Med. Times*.)

**LORD LYNDBURST'S ACCOCHEUR.** It is stated that Dr. Joseph Warren, the distinguished leader in the Revolution who fell mortally wounded at the battle of Bunker Hill, was the accoucheur at the birth of Lord Lyndhurst, just deceased in England, and the venerable Josiah Quincy, of Boston, both of whom were born on the same day at Boston. (*Amer. Med. Times*.)

**METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY.** At this Society, on November 18th, the President, Dr. R. D. Thomson, F.R.S., read the annual address. Dr. Thomson dwelt forcibly on the connection existing between certain states of the atmosphere and the occurrence of endemic diseases. During the prevalence of cholera the air has been found to contain an unusual amount of sulphurous acid, and, when passed through water, fungi are developed in that fluid. In the wards of cholera hospitals the air passed through water gives rise to vibrios and other lowest forms of animal life. Similar organisms are also developed when the air of the sewers is passed through water. These experiments prove that the germs of these animals exist in the atmosphere of close places, and show the intimate connection between the spread of dis-

ease and neglect of ventilation. The effect of the increased temperature during the summer and autumn months was demonstrated to be the cause of the diarrhoea so generally attributed to errors in diet and to the use of fruit.

**ALLEGED UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF DEAD BODIES.** Charles Law, surgeon, of 24, Virginia Row, Bethnal Green, was some days ago admitted to bail on a charge of unlawfully disposing of the dead body of a female child by throwing it into an unfinished building in the King's Head Yard, Kingsland Road, Shoreditch; and also with having in his possession the dead body of another female child, with the intent of unlawfully disposing of it. He was to have appeared for further examination on Saturday (to-day); but on Wednesday the police officer who had the case in hand came to the court (Worship Street) with a medical certificate announcing that Law had died early that morning in a state of "raving madness".

### OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 1.15 P.M.—Samaritan, 2.30 P.M.  
TUESDAY....Guy's, 1½ P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY...St. Mary's, 1 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—London, 2 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.  
FRIDAY.....Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.  
SATURDAY....St. Thomas's, 1 P.M.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1.30 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 P.M.—Lock, Clinical Demonstration and Operations, 1 P.M.—Royal Free, 1.30 P.M.

### MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY. Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. C. H. F. Routh, Lottsonian Lecture "On Midwifery and Diseases of Women."  
TUESDAY. Pathological Society, 8 P.M.—Photographical.—Ethnological.—Royal (Anniversary).  
WEDNESDAY. Obstetrical Society of London, 8 P.M. Papers by Mr. Marley, Dr. Earle, Dr. Braxton Hicks, Dr. Gervis, Dr. Barnes, and Mr. I. Baker Brown.—Society of Arts.—Geological.—Pharmaceutical, 8 P.M. Professor Bentley, "On a New Kind of Matico"; Mr. H. Deane, "On the Acetic Acids of the Three Pharmacopœias"; Mr. Tichborne, "Administration of Bismuth in a Soluble Form"; Mr. D. S. Kemp, "On Goa Powder"; Mr. T. B. Groves, "Note on the Recovery of Essential Oils from their Watery Solution"; Mr. Howard, "Note on the Root-Bark of Calisaya"; Mr. Hanbury, "Note on *Cassia moschata*."  
THURSDAY. Harvelian Society of London, 8 P.M. Clinical Discussion, "On Diphtheria."—Antiquarian.—Linnean.—Chemical.  
FRIDAY. Western Medical and Surgical Society of London, 8 P.M. Dr. Gibb, "A General Discourse on Affections of the Throat, with the Practical Use of the Laryngoscope."—Archæological Institute.

### POPULATION STATISTICS AND METEOROLOGY OF LONDON—NOVEMBER 21, 1863.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

	Births.	Deaths.
During week.....	{ Boys.. 999 } { Girls.. 971 }	1970 1475
Average of corresponding weeks 1853-62 .....		1861 1503
<b>Barometer:</b>		
Highest (Sun.) 30.089; lowest (Sat.) 29.582; mean, 29.967.		
<b>Thermometer:</b>		
Highest in sun—extremes (Fri.) 81 degs.; (Sun.) 57.2 degs.		
In shade—highest (Sat.) 56.2 degs.; lowest (Tu.) 39.4 degs.		
Mean—48.6 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs. 46.3 deg.		
Range—during week, 16.8 degrees; mean daily, 9.7 degrees.		
Mean humidity of air (saturation=100), 86.		
Mean direction of wind, S.W.—Rain in inches, 0.13.		

### 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.

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

THE FELLOWS OF THE CHEMICAL SOCIETY are admitted to the privilege of attending the sittings of the Royal Society.

F. P.—A correspondent asks us for the meaning of the terms "developmental disorder".

A. T.—The criticism alluded to is founded, from first to last, on a series of misrepresentations. Of course, criticism of this kind, when called in question, can only be defended by a still further indulgence in misrepresentation; and, of course, it is so defended by critics of the class alluded to. You never can convict this sort of people, for they have always in their hand another card of the "old sort" to play out. The only way is to expose their fallacies to the public, and leave them to themselves; for nothing in the way of instruction or advice can make their nature other than it is.

**SKILLED ADMINISTRATION OF CHLOROFORM.**—SIR: I quite concur in the observations made in the JOURNAL, of November 14th, on the importance of appointing an experienced person to administer chloroform in hospitals, and of not entrusting this duty to a house-surgeon or advanced student, who may prove incompetent or careless. But I demur, in some degree, to the remark, "that the operation of giving chloroform is too highly considered by our surgical authorities." At one of the metropolitan hospitals, in which a fatal case of poisoning from chloroform recently occurred, I know that the medical officers have more than once strongly represented to the authorities the importance of appointing a skilled administrator—of course, with a salary; but, on both occasions, the committee declined to make any appointment. The lay authorities must, therefore, bear the responsibility of deaths from chloroform occurring in that hospital. I am, etc.,

November 14th, 1863.

CHIRURGUS.

[Surely the surgeons in such a case could bring the hospital governors to their senses, by refusing to operate unless their proper demand was complied with. Feeling, as they do, the danger attending the administration of chloroform by incompetent persons, we think they are bound to insist on the appointment of a competent and responsible administrator. EDITOR.]

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