

being constantly in the company of one another, they would enjoy the opportunities of tuition. Several professors and others have formed a College Hall Company; and, as a preliminary step, they have secured a house, which is to be presided over by a warden, and is, *pro tempore*, to serve the purposes of the intended College Hall. I can tell you nothing of the success of the institution; but, from the fact that I have never heard its name mentioned by a single student, I should very much question whether students fully appreciate the advantages which it is supposed to offer them.

On the 2nd inst., Mr. Syme removed the whole of the lower jaw of a man for a tumour implicating its whole substance. In spite of the admirable manner in which the operation was performed, the patient sank a few hours after its completion.

Association Intelligence.

BRANCH MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

| NAME OF BRANCH. | PLACE OF MEETING. | DATE. |
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| SHROPSHIRE ETHICAL. [Annual.] | Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury. | Mon., Nov. 28, 2.30 P.M. |
| BATH AND BRISTOL. [Ordinary.] | York House, Bath. | Thursday, Dec. 1, 7.15 P.M. |

Correspondence.

POOR-LAW MEDICAL RELIEF.

LETTER FROM RICHARD GRIFFIN, ESQ.

SIR,—I shall feel obliged by your finding space for the following reply of the Poor-law Board to the letter you did me the favour to insert in your JOURNAL of the 12th instant. You will perceive that the Board are not desirous to afford us any assistance. My medical friends must, therefore, individually see their own members, and endeavour to obtain from them a promise to support a bill founded on justice. In the course of a short time, I will lay a copy of the proposed Bill before the profession, and elicit from them their opinions on it.

I am, etc.,

RICHARD GRIFFIN.

12, Royal Terrace, Weymouth, Nov. 21st, 1864.

The Secretary of the Poor-law Board to Mr. Griffin.

Poor-law Board, Whitehall, Nov. 19th, 1864.

SIR,—I am directed by the Poor-law Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst., enclosing an extract from a newspaper report of the proceedings at a meeting of the Guardians of the Southampton Incorporation relative to the providing of medicines for the Poor.

The Board direct me to express their thanks for your communication. As regards the last paragraph, however, they desire me to state that they will not trouble you to send them a copy of the proposed Bill to which you refer. They will be prepared to consider any Bill upon the subject of the Poor-law Medical Relief which may be introduced into Parliament by any member of the legislature, and to give it due attention. I am, sir, your obedient servant,

C. GILPIN, *Secretary.*

Richard Griffin, Esq.

ASSISTANT-SURGEONS FOR INDIA.

SIR,—In the last number of the JOURNAL, there is an advertisement from the India Office for assistant-surgeons in H. M.'s Indian medical service; and I was much surprised to find there was no editorial comment upon this strange procedure of his Majesty of India. You surely do not forget the late attempt to pass a bill through Parliament at the last moment to enable the autocrat of India to get recruits for the Indian medical service, and how very properly it was rejected.

Now, sir, here is an attempt to do what Parliament in its wisdom refused to sanction; but, as you see, the great man, who governs India from Westminster, would not submit to the dictum of Parliament. It, therefore, rests with the press to expose this proceeding, and point out to young medical men the danger of being entrapped by such advertisements. Sir C. Wood has no more power to promise retiring allowance than I have.

The commission of the last assistant-surgeon appointed to Madras under the old competitive system bears date the 25th January 1860; and since then there has been no act of Parliament enabling the Indian Secretary to nominate for the Indian medical service. Hence his fruitless attempt at the close of last session. I warn medical men not to be seduced to enter a service now worthless, and without any guarantee for the future. The British service, bad as it is, is far preferable in every way. I give my advice after a service of twenty years in India, now enjoying the handsome pension of ten shillings and sixpence a day!

So, I say again, beware, young men; tell Sir C. Wood you will have none of it. Take my advice; stay at home, and thus avoid the snubs of your so-called superiors (I say, your inferiors). Bread and cheese here is better than what you will get in India; but if you are for the red flag, wear it in a recognised service, which the Indian is not now.

A RETIRED SURGEON-MAJOR, MADRAS ARMY.

November 19th, 1864.

TREATMENT OF PARTURIENT WOMEN.

LETTER FROM WILLIAM LEGGE, ESQ.

SIR,—I fear I have already occupied too much space in our JOURNAL; but I must beg a corner to reply to Mr. Pope's criticisms.

Mr. Pope joins issue with me on the question, Is pregnancy a disease? I reply: No, but a natural physiological process. He says, Yes, and forthwith classes it with *zymotic* diseases! adding, that it is "the primeval disease inflicted by the Almighty on Eve;" and quoting (apparently in support of this assertion) the words, "I will greatly multiply thy sorrow," etc. But a moment's consideration will show that, just as the elements of decay existed in the human organism before the fall, and the curse consisted in calling them into activity, so the sorrow here spoken of was not a new feature in the process of child-bearing, but the curse lay in *multiplying* that sorrow. Even granting Mr. Pope's view correct, he can scarcely contend that pain and sorrow constitute disease. The question at issue, however, will, I think, be best decided by first attempting to attach a distinct meaning to the term disease; and, although it is not easy to define precisely a general term, it will suffice for our purpose to say that disease embraces every serious and permanent derangement of the system, such as fevers, inflammatory affections, and their sequelæ. It differs widely from a simple disorder, such as scabies; or a *malady*, such as club-

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 November 16th.

Brideoake, Robert Farrar, Leigh, Lancashire
Corbin, Thomas Wilson, L.S.A., Hornsey
Craigie, John, Hackney
Dawson, Henry, L.S.A., Church Road, Islington
Dwyer, John Cornelius, Woolwich
Haslewood, Albert Octavius, Darlington
Hatherly, Henry Reginald, Derby
Jones, Robert Arthur, Carnarvon
Lynch, Jordan Roche, Notting Hill
McMillan, Samuel Scott, Bolton, Lancashire
Oliphant, John, M.D. Edin. and L.R.C.P. Lond., Edinburgh
Pogson, William, Seacroft, near Leeds
Quin, John Hogan, Dublin
Rigg, Thomas, M.D. Edin., Carlisle
Rigden, George William, Canterbury
Roberts, Edward Coldridge, Exeter
Scott, Robert John, C.M. Aberd. and L.S.A., Omagh
Snow, William Vicary, Barnstaple
Wilford, John George Frederick, Brompton, Yorkshire

Admitted on November 17th—

Compton, Thomas Armestriding, B.A. Cantab., Christchurch
Dalton, Thomas, M.D. Edin., Wigton, Cumberland
Forster, Edward Wood, Newcastle-on-Tyne
Glynn, Thomas Robinson, Liverpool
Grosvenor, Alfred Octavius, Alsager, Cheshire
Harvey, Walter Anstice, South Petherton
Heaven, Charles Thomas, London
Hora, Tudor, Westbourne Terrace
Jones, James, Kingston-on-Thames
Leacock, Charles George, Puckeridge, Herts
Mackey, Edward, Birmingham
Marshall, Francis John, L.S.A., Maulton, Northamptonshire
Massy, George, Dublin
O'Leary, Edmund, Tipperary
Ryder, Henry Thomas, L.S.A., Devonport
Snowdon, John Pringle, Newcastle
Spencer, Lionel Dixon, M.D. St. Andrews, Newcastle
Taylor, Herbert, M.D. Edin., Rutland Street
Willson, Henry, Strand
Woodford, Edward Russell, Ventnor, Isle of Wight

Admitted on November 18th—

Anstey, Arthur Newland, Adelaide, Australia
Cole, Richard Beverly, M.D. Philad., San Francisco
Duke, Oliver Thomas, Kennington
McFarlan, John Moorehead, Muiravonside, Stirlingshire
Manley, John, L.S.A., West Bromwich
Ray, William, West Square, Southwark
Rogers, William Moon, Mauritius

At the same meeting of the Court—

Strickland, Charles, H.M.S. *Supply*, Woolwich, passed his examination for Naval Surgeon. This gentleman had previously been admitted a member of the College: his diploma bearing date December 7th, 1858.

APOTHECARIES' HALL. On November 17th, the following Licentiates were admitted:—

Brewster, Edward, Grantham
Child, Edwin, Richmond, Surrey
Haxworth, Walter, Barnsley, Yorkshire
Müller, Augustus Christian, St. Mary's Terrace
Smith, George, Kentish Town
Smith, Henry Richard, Newark
Tomlinson, D. Webster, St. Mary's Hospital

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

Garman, J. Stephen, Western General Dispensary, Marylebone

APPOINTMENTS.

MOIR, R., M.D., appointed Superintendent of the Central Prison at Agra.

*WINTERBOTHAM, W. L., M.B. Lond., appointed Certifying Surgeon under the Factories' Act, for Bridgwater and neighbourhood.

ARMY.

BALL, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon J. J., M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon 33rd Foot, *vice* T. Quinlan.

BARKER, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon J. E., M.B., to be Assistant-Surgeon 103rd Foot, *vice* R. Hall, M.D.

CLARK, Assistant-Surgeon T., 33rd Foot, to be Staff-Surgeon, *vice* J. Donald.

DAVIS, Surgeon J., 38th Foot, to be Staff-Surgeon, *vice* W. S. Whylock, M.D.

HALL, Assistant-Surgeon R., M.D., 103rd Foot, to be Assistant-Surgeon 33rd Foot, *vice* T. Clark.

LESLIE, Assistant-Surgeon W. H., M.D., 48th Foot, to be Assistant-Surgeon Royal Artillery, *vice* T. Maunsell.

QUINLAN, Assistant-Surgeon T., 33rd Foot, to be Staff-Assistant-Surgeon, *vice* J. J. Ball, M.D.

WHYLOCK, Staff-Surgeon W. S., M.D., to be Surgeon 38th Foot, *vice* J. Davis.

ROYAL NAVY.

ALLEN, John, Esq., Acting Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Magicienne*.
CARMICHAEL, William, M.D., Assistant-Surgeon (additional), to the *Cumberland*.

DALTON, William R., Esq., Staff-Surgeon, to the *Royal Adelaide*.

DOMVILLE, H. J., M.D., to be Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals and Fleets.

DUNWOODIE, J., Esq., to be Surgeon in Her Majesty's Fleet.

IRELAND, Arthur J., M.D., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Royal George*.

JOHNSON, Arthur B., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Implacable*.

LAMBERT, John, Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Espoir*.

LEES, Charles A., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to Malta Hospital.

MEIKLEJOHN, J. W. S., M.D., to be Surgeon in Her Majesty's Fleet.

NIHILL, John, M.D., Surgeon (additional), to the *Duncan*, for service at Bermuda Hospital.

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

SCARR, R. T., Esq., to be Assistant-Surgeon 1st Hertfordshire Light Horse Volunteers.

WILLIAMS, J., Esq., to be Assistant-Surgeon 1st Administrative Battalion Cornwall R.V.

BIRTH.

DAVIS. On November 1st, at St. George's, Wellington, Salop, the wife of *W. Davis, Esq., of a son.

VACANCY. The office of surgeon-superintendent of Portsmouth Convict Prison has become vacant by the death of Dr. J. W. Bowler.

A YOUNG MOTHER. In Sheffield was lately registered the birth of a child, whose mother was only 13 years and 10 months old.

DR. ARNETH, the author of a treatise on the state of *Midwifery and Gynecology in France, Great Britain and Ireland*, has been appointed physician in ordinary to the Grand Duchess Helena of Russia.

BENZINE AS AN INSECTICIDE. A mixture of ten parts benzine, five parts soap, and eighty-five water, has been very successfully used by Gille to destroy the parasites which infest dogs.

DR. COHN. Dr. B. Cohn, the author of a treatise on *Embolie Diseases of the Blood-vessels*, for some years a private teacher (privat-docent, or aspirant to a professorship) at the University of Breslau, died a short time ago at Berlin. The loss of this promising author and physician is much regretted in scientific circles.

FRENCH INQUIRY INTO GERMAN MEDICAL MATTERS. Professor Le Fort of Paris has been deputed by the French government to investigate specially and in detail the plans of the Prussian University studies, and the arrangements of the kliniks and hospitals in which medicine and surgery are taught.

THE HUFELAND SOCIETY OF BERLIN. The competitive essays demanded by the Hufeland Society of Berlin were to be on "Hypodermic Injections." Two essays were offered, and the author of the best and successful one was Dr. Albert Eulenberg, Assistant-Physician of the Klinik at Greifswald.

MEMORIAL OF THE LATE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND. We understand that a movement has been inaugurated by a number of the Fellows and Licentiates of the Royal College of Physicians for the execution of a bust of Dr. Corrigan, late president of the college. The execution of the bust has been confided to Mr. Foley of London. The college have also voted a full-sized portrait to be executed by Mr. Catterson Smith and placed in their College Hall. (*Dublin Medical Press*.)

FECUNDITY. Mr. Jackson, of Wimpole Street, records the following remarkable instance of female fecundity. A lady, 30 years of age, married in 1859, and her first child was born two years afterwards. In May 1862, she had twins, and in July of the following year a triplet. On the 2nd of the present month, she again had twins, making a total of eight children all born alive, and the last seven of which were born within two years and a half.

FINES FOR A NEGLECT OF VACCINATION. At the Wandsworth Police Court on Monday last, two women were fined 5s. each and costs for neglecting to have their children vaccinated. In one case the defendant had refused to allow her children to be vaccinated, and had said, "If it is God's will they should have the small-pox, they will have it." The consequences had been most lamentable. Three children had died from small-pox. There were five children in the family unvaccinated.

HORSE GUARDS GRAMMAR. Mr. Thomas Hughes, author of *Tom Brown*, has been appointed "Reviser of Military Regulations," with a thousand *per annum*. No wonder the Duke of Cambridge has such a dislike to competitive examinations and to having in the army men who are capable of writing English. The war authority itself, it appears, is obliged to have a literary gentleman to peruse its documents before they are issued.

TESTIMONIAL TO MR. J. WATKINS, F.R.C.S. Mr. Watkins was last week entertained at dinner by a large party of gentlemen, most of whom had been his patients, and presented with his own bust in marble. The bust, which has been executed by Mr. W. Davis, and is a most faithful likeness, was uncovered at the end of the chairman's speech. The inscription is, "Johanni Watkins, sanatori, grati sanati;" and, in English, "The Healed to the Healer."

EPIDEMIC DISEASE AT WOOLWICH. At a meeting of the Woolwich Local Board of Health, Mr. Ruegg said that the Registrar-General's report proved that the mortality at Woolwich now far exceeded that at the period when cholera raged in 1854. The prevailing epidemic, typhus fever, had struck down the wealthy and the cleanly even more than the poor and those who were compelled to reside in crowded habitations. Woolwich was naturally a healthy town, twice as healthy as London, but now the rate of mortality was considerably greater. After consideration, and obtaining all the information he could, he was convinced that this state of things arose from the discharge of the metropolitan sewage into the Thames at the outfall works near Barking Creek, or from defective trapping of the local sewers. At all events, a searching investigation was required. Mr. Rixon, registrar for the district, said there was no disguising the fact that mortality was greatly increasing in the town. After considerable discussion, Mr. Ruegg's motion was adopted, and a committee appointed.

ILLEGAL ASSUMPTION OF TITLE. George Fentiman, a chemist and druggist, was lately charged at the Thames Police Court, with wilfully and falsely taking and using the name and title of surgeon, he not being registered under the Act 21st and 22nd of Victoria, cap. 90, sec. 40. Mr. Moss, a solicitor, conducted the prosecution for Mr. John Wills, a regularly qualified and registered medical practitioner, of Upper East Smithfield. The defendant carries on business in the same street. The case against him was proved several weeks since, and was ordered by the magistrate to stand over. It was now admitted that the defendant had since the formal conviction by the magistrate omitted the word "surgeon" from his bills and advertisements, and also erased the word from the front of

his house. Mr. Moss said his client, Mr. Wills, had been put to considerable annoyance and expense by the conduct of the defendant. No one could or would take up these cases except a medical man, although the best interests and well-being of society were concerned in carrying out the law. The complainant did not expect to recover all the expenses he had incurred in the prosecution, but some costs ought to be allowed. Mr. Paget said the law had been properly vindicated, and that was enough. If he found the offence repeated by the defendant, he should inflict the full penalty. At present he should impose a nominal fine of 1s., and 2s. costs. [It is certainly hard that the expenses of this prosecution should fall upon Mr. Wills. What is the use of a Medical Council if it does not take care that the Medical Act is carried out. Mr. Wills has *done* something. The Medical Council *talks* and spends money. EDITOR.]

DINNER TO JOHN LAVIES, ESQ. On Wednesday last, November 23rd, a dinner was given at the Freemasons' Hall to Mr. Lavies, late Treasurer of the Medical Registration Association. The chair was occupied by Mr. Fergusson, F.R.S.; and there were about sixty gentlemen present, among whom were Dr. Copland, Mr. Erichsen, Mr. Hancock, Dr. G. Webster, Mr. Lord, Mr. Ansell, Mr. Tidd Pratt, Mr. Lush, Q.C., etc. Letters expressive of regret at not being able to attend were received from various members of the profession, several of whom at the same time forwarded contributions to the testimonial for Mr. Lavies. The Chairman, in proposing the health of their guest, Mr. Lavies, referred to the progress of the Medical Registration Association, and to the difficulties with which it had had to contend in consequence of the uncertainty of the Medical Act. He hoped that, though the Association was at present in abeyance, it would revive. Mr. Lavies, in acting as Treasurer and for some time as President, had spared no labour, and had not hesitated to spend his own money in behalf of the Association. Mr. Lavies, in reply, expressed his thanks for the kindly recognition shown to him by his professional brethren.

POISONING BY TOBACCO JUICE. A young man, named Richard Edmondson, a cotton piecer at Messrs. Garnett and Horsfall's, Low Moor, near Clitheroe, died lately somewhat suddenly, with all the symptoms of having been poisoned. His pulse was quick and feeble; his eyes dilated and insensible to light; the heart was perfectly paralysed; his muscles rigid; and he was unable to swallow. This was his condition before death. The coroner ordered a *post mortem* examination of the body to be made by Dr. Scott of Clitheroe. He found the vessels of the brain swollen and filled with black blood, together with extravasation of blood in the ventricles of the brain. "These appearances" (he deposed) "led me to conclude that the deceased had taken some narcotic poison, as we find them in persons having taken opium. I attribute the appearance of the blood-vessels on the brain to narcotic poison. The deceased was very much emaciated. After hearing all the evidence, I attribute the cause of his death to the chewing of Limerick roll tobacco, and his having swallowed the juice. It is a kind of poison that acts on the brain, and is an irritant and compound poison. It is not used in medicine now. I should not like to give a person thirty grains of the unprepared tobacco. Tobacco gains power according to the way in which it is manufactured; and the Limerick roll is exceedingly strong tobacco." The coroner summed up; and the jury returned a verdict, "That the deceased died from the effect of having chewed Limerick roll tobacco and swallowing the juice thereof, which has acted upon the stomach as a narcotic poison."

SAMARITAN HOSPITAL. Two consulting physicians have been appointed to this hospital—Dr. Jenner and Dr. Greenhalgh. It appears to be a wise arrangement to have selected one physician, at least, for the consulting office, who is not a specialist; while one physician-accoucheur must doubtless prove advantageous to the institution.

THE PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY. A deputation of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, consisting of Mr. Sandford (president), Mr. Hills (vice-president), Mr. Hanbury (treasurer), Mr. Squire, Mr. Morson, Mr. Waugh, Mr. Orridge, Dr. Edwards, Mr. Flux (solicitor), and Mr. Bremridge (secretary), have had an interview with the Right Hon. Sir George Grey at the Home Office on the subject of a proposed bill for regulating the qualifications of chemists and druggists.

THE LATE MR. W. J. WICKHAM. During the past week, by permission of the Dean and Chapter, a handsome memorial tablet has been placed within the Cathedral to the memory of the late William John Wickham, Esq., at the cost of many friends, who are unwilling that his eminent services as a medical man, and his many unostentatious acts of kindness should pass away, without some tribute of their love and regard. The following is the inscription:—"In memory of William John Wickham, Esq., F.R.C.S., forty years Surgeon to the Hants County Hospital. He died January 19th, 1864, aged 66 years. Erected by many friends, who deeply lament his loss." In gold letters above the head are the following words. "In a loving and Christian spirit he healed the sick, and comforted the afflicted."

ILLEGALLY KEEPING LUNATICS. At the Central Criminal Court, this week, Sophia Leander surrendered to receive judgment. She was convicted a few sessions back of keeping a house for the reception of lunatics without being duly licensed, but sentence was respite to give the defendant an opportunity of removing the patients from her establishment and complying with the law. Mr. Giffard now informed the court that the defendant still kept on the establishment, and appeared determined to put herself in opposition to the law. She had a number of patients under her charge now. After some discussion, Baron Bramwell said the defendant seemed to have an opinion that she was not infringing the law. He thought that judgment need not be passed, but that having been admonished, she would be allowed to have her recognisances enlarged, to be brought up again for judgment. The defendant was then discharged. Henry Wilkins appeared upon his recognisance to answer a similar charge, and was fined £50.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY. Medical Society of London, 8 P.M.

THURSDAY. Harveian Society of London, 8 P.M. Dr. Graily Hewitt, "On the Inflexions of the Uterus and their Treatment."—Linnæan.—Chemical.

FRIDAY. Western Medical and Surgical Society, 8 P.M. Mr. B. E. Brodhurst, "On Bony Anchylosis."

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Mr. J. Vose Solomon; Mr. T. M. Stone; Dr. Thudichum; THE HONORARY SECRETARIES OF THE WESTERN MEDICAL AND SURGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON; Dr. Chuckerbutty; Dr. C. H. F. Routh; Mr. John H. Gibson; Mr. Clarke; Mr. G. D. R. MacCarthy; Mr. Richard Griffin; Dr. Fitzpatrick; Dr. J. H. Balfour; Mr. Augustin Prichard; Mr. J. Hogg; Mr. W. L. Winterbotham; Mr. W. Davis; Dr. R. Fowler; Mr. J. B. Curgenven; Dr. William Newman; Dr. Kidgell; and Mr. A. Ransome.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

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

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 Orthopædic, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

FRIDAY.....Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

SATURDAY.....St. Thomas's, 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.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

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.

S. A.—Mr. Carter had no more to do with throwing open the Provident Fund to the whole profession than had any one of the Directors who voted for the proposal.

ACTING ASSISTANT-SURGEONS.—T. P.—We believe it is quite true that at all events one of this new class of newly-appointed army surgeons has been dismissed the service for drunkenness. We have even heard of one of the "waifs and strays" being found in a beastly and helpless state of intoxication.

TAPPING THE BLADDER.—SIR: Your paragraph, giving M. Velpeau's opinion about tapping the bladder, is not likely to have much weight; as in it, the learned professor assumes that in each operation—viz., in puncturing above the pubis, and in tapping through the rectum—the peritoneal cavity is opened.

We cannot but be surprised that a surgeon with such extended experience should make a mistake of this kind.

It did not appear right to let the error pass without some remark.

I am, etc., AUGUSTIN PRICHARD,
Surgeon to the Bristol Royal Infirmary.

Clifton, November 21st, 1864.

THE GRIFFIN TESTIMONIAL FUND.—SIR: The following subscriptions have been further received on behalf of the above Fund:—J. E. Moreton, Esq. (Great Boughton), 10s. 6d.; Dr. T. P. Parker (Sunderland), 10s. 6d.; Wm. Kimbell, Esq. (Solihull), 5s. Amount previously announced, £102:1:6. Received at the *Lancet* office, £8:14.

I am, etc., ROBERT FOWLER, M.D.,
Treasurer and Hon. Sec.

145, Bishopsgate Street Without, November 23rd, 1864.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

University of London.—Notice

IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the next Half-yearly Examination for MATRICULATION in this University will commence on MONDAY the 9th of January 1865. In addition to the Metropolitan Examination, a Provincial Examination will be held in the Town Hall of LEEDS.

Every Candidate is required to transmit his Certificate of Age to the Registrar (Burlington House, London, W.) at least fourteen days before the commencement of the Examination.

Candidates who pass the Matriculation Examination are entitled to proceed to the Degrees conferred by the University in Arts, Science, and Medicine: and are exempt (1) from the Entrance Examination otherwise imposed on Candidates for admission to the Royal Military College at Sandhurst; (2) from those Examinations which every Medical Student now commencing his professional studies is required to have passed some one; (3) from the Preliminary Examination otherwise imposed by the College of Surgeons on Candidates for its Fellowship; and (4) from those Examinations in which it is necessary for every person entering upon Articles of Clerkship to an Attorney to have passed some one,—such as Matriculate in the First Division being entitled to the additional exemption from one year's Service.

WILLIAM B. CARPENTER, M.D.,
Registrar.

November 17, 1864.