

place; and Mr. William Chambers, the eminent publisher, has been chosen Lord Provost. It appears that the Council intend taking into most serious consideration, or, rather, intend setting about carrying into execution, many of the very admirable suggestions for the sanitary amelioration of Edinburgh, which have lately been made by our Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Littlejohn, in his model Report on the Sanitary Condition of Edinburgh; a report which, as it ought to do, is attracting great attention here at present.

The Medico-Chirurgical held its first sitting on Wednesday, when Dr. Matthews Duncan read a paper entitled "Notes on the Retentive Power of the Abdomen." The first meeting of the Botanical Society took place on Thursday; and the Royal Medical held its first meeting on Friday. These proceedings offered, however, no special points of interest. The Royal Society does not commence its sittings until December.

Association Intelligence.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: EAST KENT DISTRICT MEDICAL MEETINGS.

THE next meeting of this Branch will be held at the Fountain Hotel, Canterbury, on Thursday, November 23rd, at 3 P.M.

Dinner at 5 P.M. Charge 5s., exclusive of wine.

Papers have been promised by Mr. C. Holttum, Mr. Rigden, Mr. F. H. Sankey, Mr. W. Thurston, Mr. A. Andrews, and Dr. Tassell.

R. L. BOWLES, L.R.C.P., *Honorary Secretary*.
Folkestone, November 16th, 1865.

SHROPSHIRE SCIENTIFIC BRANCH: ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of this Branch was held in the Natural History Museum, Shrewsbury, on November 3rd, 1865; J. W. MOORHOUSE, Esq., President, in the Chair.

Honorary Members. The Rev. W. A. Leighton, B.A., F.B.S.E., and T. P. Blunt, Esq., B.A., were elected Honorary Members of this Branch.

Officers. The Treasurer and Honorary Secretary were re-elected. W. Newman, M.D., of Stamford, was unanimously elected Vice-President for the ensuing year.

Communications. The following papers were read:

1. On the Sense of Smell as applied to Medicine. By Henry Johnson, M.D.
2. On a Painful Surgical Affection of the Heel. By William Newman, M.D. (Stamford).
3. On Villous Growth in the Bladder: with Case and Preparation. By Samuel Wood, Esq.
4. Case of Leucocythæmia: with Microscopical Demonstration. By William Eddowes, Esq.
5. On Disinfectants. By T. P. Blunt, B.A.
6. Some beautiful Wax Models of Disease were exhibited by T. B. Barrett, Esq.

A full and free discussion of the several communications ensued; and votes of thanks were passed to the contributors.

The Dinner took place at the Lion Hotel; twenty-six sat down and spent a very agreeable and harmo-

nious evening together. The Chair was occupied by the President, J. W. Moorhouse, Esq., and the Vice-Chair by Dr. Burd.

Three new members were announced to be balloted for at the quarterly evening meeting in January next.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH: MONTHLY MEETING.

A MONTHLY meeting of this Branch was held on Thursday, November 9th, 1865; J. RUSSELL, M.D., President, in the Chair. Nine members and one visitor were also present.

The Secretary. Dr. WADE resigned the office of Secretary, not having sufficient time to devote to his duties; and requested that his successor might be appointed as soon as convenient. Dr. Wade's resignation was received with regret, and the next meeting was made special for the election of a Secretary.

Hour of Meeting. Mr. MANLEY gave notice that he should move that the hour of meeting be altered from 6 to 7 P.M.

Papers. The following papers were read.

1. Case of Extroversion of the Bladder: with Physiological Observations made on the Urine in that Case. By T. A. Carter, M.D., Leamington.
2. Case of Excision of the Ankle-joint. By J. F. West, Esq., Birmingham.

Reports of Societies.

OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 1865.

ROBERT BARNES, M.D., President, in the Chair.

Specimens, etc. Dr. PRIESTLEY exhibited a variety of Medicated Pessaries and Suppositories, manufactured by Messrs. Duncan and Flockhart, of Edinburgh. They had been made at the suggestion of Professor Simpson, with the view of administering a diversity of drugs by the vagina and rectum. The vaginal pessaries were so far new that they were of a convenient Minie-bullet form instead of round; and were made of cocoa-nut butter, which readily melted at the temperature of the body, although perfectly hard before introduction.

Dr. GREENHALGH recited a fatal case in which Cæsarean Section had followed the use of the Cephalotribe. A committee was appointed to examine the effect of this instrument upon the fetal head. The report of the case and of the committee will appear in a subsequent number.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Society the original Cephalotribe of Baudelocque, which had been presented to the Society by Madame Petitjean, of Paris, through the thoughtful mediation of their Honorary President, Sir Charles Locock.

Dr. BARNES also exhibited a specimen of Fallopian Dropsy.

Mr. BAKER BROWN, jun., exhibited a preparation of two parts of Chloroform with one of Alcohol, to which the distilled essence of *eau-de-Cologne* had been added, which he had found to allay the pain of labour without complete anæsthesia, and recited cases in which it had been used.

Dr. BARNES exhibited an instrument made for him by Weiss, for introducing the perforated laminaria-tents into the cervix uteri.

smile of self-complacency, "I never give my children any sugar, or very little." Another will say, "I never give my children any butter, or a mere apology."

Most adults who can afford it eat too much, both of animal and vegetable food, and thereby induce a costive habit. Such persons are benefited by, and indeed require, the habitual use of a gentle *peristaltic persuader*—a dinner pill or a pill at bedtime, with which they are well and comfortable, and attain length of days—I may say, a high degree of longevity—and without which, obstructions and congestions of various internal organs, more or less serious, ensue.

Dr. Radcliffe and our other brother-members may, therefore, be assured that, with a regulated diet, the habitual daily use of *peristaltic persuaders* in the form of pills which never gripe or sicken, but move the bowels gently, as if naturally, produces health, comfort, and lengthened life. Of these pills, formulæ innumerable—some better than others, and adapted to special cases—are everywhere to be had.

In the treatment of disordered conditions, whether acute or chronic, I am ever an enemy to *sweeping* rules or conclusions. Every individual case has its peculiarities, requiring modification of treatment.

Permit me to add, in reference to Dr. Edward Smith's communication, that Dr. Beaumont caused Alexis St. Martin, after a dinner of wholesome food which was digesting happily, to take a glass of gin. The digestive process was immediately arrested and suspended, until the spirit had been absorbed and taken up into the general system, when the digestion of the food was slowly resumed and tardily completed; showing, moreover, that "brandy is not always Latin for goose." In all probability, the pale ale alluded to by Dr. Smith is a *weak* alcoholic beverage; and a glass of it with a meal of food cannot be very prejudicial *in retarding* or impairing the digestive process, as is the case with the introduction or imbibition of ardent spirit.

I am, etc., THOMAS MARTIN.

Reigate, November 8th, 1865.

A CURIOUS TALE. In a paper lately read by Dr. Kelburne King, president of the Hull Literary and Philosophical Society, on "The Recent Visit of the British Association to Birmingham," Dr. King, in speaking of a visit which he and Dr. Richardson, of London, had made to Shakespeare's birthplace, at Stratford-on-Avon, narrated the following curious incident. He said that a blind gentleman, who thought that no one but the guide was present, mentioned that a friend of his had a relic which would be a valuable addition to the Shakespearean Museum at that place,—the skull of Ben Jonson. This friend had attended the funeral of Dr. —, (? John Hunter) at Westminster Abbey, when he perceived that the next grave, that of Ben Jonson, had been opened, and he could see the skeleton of the body in the coffin. He could not resist the opportunity of putting in his hand and extracting the skull, which he placed under his cloak and thus carried it off. From a remark which the blind gentleman dropped Dr. Richardson thought he could identify the offender, and he asked if the person's initials did not consist of certain letters. The blind gentleman, who was not a little startled at finding that the secret was out, admitted the fact, but prayed that no advantage might be taken of the discovery. This was promised; but as Dr. Richardson is an ardent admirer of the Avonian bard, he is determined that, without going to extremities, he will bring the necessary pressure to bear on the possessor of the skull, so that it shall be placed in a more worthy repository than the cabinet of an obscure individual. (*Manchester Guardian*.)

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 14th.

Adams, James Edward, Finsbury Circus
Barry, Edward Joseph, M.D. Edin., Ramsgate
Body, Henry Martin, Cheriton, North Devon
Brockman, Edward Forster, L.R.C.P., Brunswick Gardens, Kensington
Digges, Charles John Stokes, Dublin
Grace, Edward Mills, Downend, Bristol
Jackson, Andrew Christopher, Cape Town
Kerswill, John Bedford, St. Germans, Cornwall
Land, William John, Exeter
Lewis, Charles Gray Montgomery, Sedgley
Lovell, Francis Henry, Aspley, Woburn
Perkins, John Shirley Steele, Exeter
Prince, Frederic Tickell, Sawston, Cambridgeshire
Simpson, Reginald Palgrave, Norwich
Smith, Charles, M.B. and L.R.C.P. Lond., Basingstoke
Tatham, Hamilton de, Dorset Square
Taylor, Theodore Thomas, Cricklade, North Wilts
Thomas, William, L.S.A., Birmingham
Walker, Alfred, Albion Road, Stoke Newington
Ward, Frederic Henry, L.S.A., Scarborough
Willoughby, Edward Francis, Bristol
Wood, Robert, L.S.A., Uttoxeter, Staffordshire

New Fellows. At a meeting of the Council of the College, on November 9th, the following members of the College, having been elected Fellows at previous meetings of the Council, were admitted as such.

Shillitoe, Richard Rickman, Hitchin, Herts (Deputy Coroner for North Herts); diploma of membership dated August 4th, 1840
Young, Francis Ayerst, Hawkhurst, Cranbrook, Kent; October 31st, 1864

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE. At a Congregation held on November 9th, the degree of Bachelor of Medicine was conferred on

Lee, Robert James, Caius College

APOTHECARIES' HALL. On November 9th, 1865, the following Licentiates were admitted:—

Bell, William, 7, Torrington Square
King, William, Moreton Terrace, Piccadilly
Thomas, David, Carmarthen
Woodford, Edward Russell, Ventnor, Isle of Wight

APPOINTMENTS.

*DROSTER, W. H., M.D., appointed Assistant to the Professor of Chemistry in the University of Cambridge.
*HUMPHRY, George M., M.D., F.R.S., appointed a Member of the Botanic Garden Syndicate, and Assistant to the Professor of Anatomy, in the University of Cambridge.
*LATHAM, P. W., M.D., appointed Assistant to the Regius Professor of Medicine, and to the Professor of Mineralogy, in the University of Cambridge.
LESTOURGEON, C., Esq., appointed Assistant to the Regius Professor of Medicine in the University of Cambridge.

MEDICAL MAYORS. The following members of the medical profession have been elected Mayors for the ensuing year.

*ALDRED, Charles C., Esq., elected Mayor of Great Yarmouth.
ALDRIDGE, John P., M.D., elected Mayor of Dorchester.
*MARTIN, Anthony, Esq., elected Mayor of Evesham.
MAY, George, Esq., elected Mayor of Maldon.
WAYLEN, George, Esq., elected Mayor of Devizes.
*YATE, Frederick, Esq., elected Mayor of Godingalung.

ARMY.

ANDERSON, Staff-Surgeon-Major R. C., M.D., retiring upon half-pay, to have the honorary rank of Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals.
BARTLEY, Surgeon A. F., 12th Foot, to be Staff-Surgeon, *vice* W. G. N. Manley.
CANNY, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon D. J., to be Assistant-Surgeon 11th Foot, *vice* R. T. Scott.
CREVE, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon W., M.B., to be Assistant-Surgeon 4th Foot, *vice* E. Miller, M.D.
DONALDSON, Assistant-Surgeon J. Y., M.D., 100th Foot, to be Staff-Assistant-Surgeon, *vice* J. Thompson.

HUDSON, Assistant-Surgeon A. R., M.B., 6th Foot, to be Staff-Surgeon, vice Staff-Surgeon-Major R. C. Anderson, M.D.
 JONES, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon M. J., to be Assistant-Surgeon Royal Artillery, vice W. G. N. Manley.
 MANLEY, Staff-Surgeon W. G. N., to be Surgeon 12th Foot, vice A. F. Bartley.
 POWELL, Staff-Surgeon G. W., to be Staff-Surgeon-Major, having completed twenty years' full-pay service.
 RATTRAY, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon Charles, M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon 6th Foot, vice A. R. Hudson, M.B.
 SCOTT, Assistant-Surgeon R. T., 11th Foot, to be Staff-Assistant-Surgeon, vice D. J. Canny.
 THOMPSON, Staff-Assistant-Surgeon J., to be Assistant-Surgeon 100th Foot, vice J. Y. Donaldson, M.D.
 WEBB, Staff-Surgeon H. M., M.B., to be Staff-Surgeon-Major, having completed twenty years' full-pay service.
 WHITE, Surgeon T. F., M.D., 65th Foot, to be Surgeon-Major, having completed twenty years' full-pay service.

INDIAN ARMY.

HARRIS, Surgeon F. W., to be Surgeon-Major Bombay Army.
 ROSS, Assistant-Surgeon C. G. H., to be Surgeon Bombay Army.
 STEINHAUSER, Surgeon J. F., to be Surgeon-Major Bombay Army.

MILITIA.

MICHAEL, D., Esq., to be Surgeon 2nd Somersetshire Militia.

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

SHONE, W. J., Esq., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon 1st Buckinghamshire R.V.

DEATHS.

ALLANBY. On November 13, at Hampstead, aged 22, Ernest William, eldest surviving son of J. S. Allanby, M.D.
 BECK. On November 5th, at Ipswich, Elizabeth Margaret, widow of Edward Beck, M.D.
 BLOXAM, William, M.D., at 28, Duke Street, Grosvenor Square, aged 59, on November 5.
 BYNOR, Benjamin, M.D., Staff-Surgeon R.N., at Old Kent Road, aged 61, on November 13.
 DICKINSON, W. F. D., Esq., Surgeon, at Ulverston, aged 55, on November 11.
 DRURY, James S., M.D., at Radnor Place, aged 43, on November 11.
 *EASTON, John A., M.D., Professor of Materia Medica in the University of Glasgow, suddenly, on November 11.
 HAYWARD. On October 30th, at Chelsea, aged 70, Frances F., widow of R. B. Hayward, Esq., Surgeon, formerly of Epping.
 MACADAM, John, M.D., Professor of Chemistry in the University of Melbourne, at sea, aged 37, on September 2.
 MATHER, John B., Esq., Surgeon, at Dalston, aged 58, on November 12.
 *MAYOR, Emilius Scipio, Esq., at Bristol, aged 65, on November 13.
 MICHAEL, John, Esq., Assistant-Surgeon Royal Artillery, at Woolwich, aged 32, on November 14.
 RANDOLPH. On November 11th, at Marsham Street, Westminster, aged 68, Mary, wife of John Randolph, Esq., Surgeon.
 STODART, Edward, M.D., at Hendon, aged 61, on November 5.
 TEGART, Edward, Esq., late of Dover Street, Piccadilly, at Onslow Crescent, Brompton, aged 69, on November 14.
 TENISON. On November 7th, at Keith Terrace, Shepherd's Bush, aged 32, Fanny Hatton, wife of *E. T. R. Tenison, M.D.
 TUSON, Edward W., Esq., F.R.S., at Devonshire Street, Portland Place, aged 63, on November 10.
 WALLER. On November 12th, at Flegg Burgh, Norfolk, Mary Harriet, wife of John T. Waller, Esq., Surgeon.
 WILLIAMSON, George, M.D., Surgeon-Major 64th Regiment, at Brighton, aged 44, on October 31.

THE CATTLE-PLAGUE. A Committee of the Lords of the Privy Council assembled on the 13th instant to take into consideration questions relating to the cattle-plague.

CHOLERA IN AN AMERICAN STEAMER. The steamer *Atalanta*, arrived at New York, has been detained in quarantine. She had sixty cases of cholera on board, among which were fifteen deaths.

SIR BENJAMIN BRODIE, Bart., M.A., has been appointed Waynflete Professor of Chemistry at Oxford. This appointment will render vacant the Aldrichian Professorship of Chemistry, in the gift of the University, but will not be filled up now.

CHILD BED MORTALITY IN VIENNA. At a late meeting of the Vienna Society of Physicians, Professor Späth stated in a report of the Clinical Lying-in Hospital for 1864, that out of 8,761 deliveries there were 86 deaths.

THE BRITISH HOME FOR INCURABLES held an election on the 14th instant at the London Tavern. There was a large number of candidates, of whom eight in- and eight out-patients were elected.

DR. HUMPHREY, of Downing College, has announced his intention of offering himself a candidate for the Professorship of Anatomy, if it should be vacant by the resignation of Dr. Clark, as mentioned in the *Times*.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREW'S. The following gentlemen have been nominated as candidates for the Rectorship of St. Andrew's University: Mr. J. Stuart Mill, Lord Lyttelton, Lord Kinnaird, and the Hon. Duncan McNeill.

THE EDINBURGH SANATORIUM. The cattle which had been three weeks in contact with the sheep from the Sanatorium—which are themselves still in excellent condition—were on Sunday eating their hay and turnips with their usual appetite, and apparently all in perfect health. (*Scotsman*.)

DEATH OF DR. EASTON. We are deeply concerned to notice the death of Dr. Easton, Professor of Materia Medica in Glasgow University. The doctor's health had not been, for the last two years, so robust as formerly; but on the 11th inst. he attended to his professional duties as usual. The next morning, however, he was suddenly seized, and death ensued after about three hours' illness. Dr. Easton was extensively known and respected as an eminent practising physician, and an able and successful medical teacher. (*Glasgow Herald*.)

ACUPRESSURE. We know not what credence is to be given to the following, taken from an Edinburgh paper; but if it be correct, it would seem to indicate that acupressure was just superseding the ligature with the majority of surgeons in Scotland. "*The Medical School of Edinburgh*. At the first meeting of the Edinburgh Medico-Chirurgical Society, Dr. McKinlay of Paisley described ten cases of amputation, in all of which he had secured the bleeding vessels readily and perfectly by acupressure. He stated that he had employed the same method of arresting the attending bleeding in various other operations besides amputation, and always with such facility and certainty as to make him now decidedly prefer the use of the needle to the employment of the ligature in surgical hæmorrhage. In no case where he used the needle did secondary hæmorrhage follow, and the resulting wounds all healed rapidly and kindly. In the discussion which followed, none of the surgeons stood up in defence of the ligature, though several hospital surgeons were present."

AN INVALID TRANSPORT SHIP. The *Florence Nightingale*, a small vessel, built for the transport of troops' invalids between transports arriving at Spithead from India and other foreign stations and the Royal Military Hospital at Netley, will very shortly be made ready to enter upon her duties. The *Florence Nightingale* is a small flat bottomed vessel, built of iron, having one large cabin below for the use of the invalids, sheltered from the weather, and with no attempt therefore at deck accommodation. Her draught of water is very light, and this will enable her to float over the greater portion of the mud shoals intervening between high-water mark at Netley and the deep channel at Southampton Water. This will be a great boon to invalids, who under previous regulations had very often in rough weather to land at the end of the long pier at Netley and walk the distance up to the hospital, with the water breaking over the pier, and drenching men, women, and children over their knees.