

Medical News.

APOTHECARIES' HALL. On November 23rd, 1865, the following Licentiates were admitted:—

Chaffers, Edward (late Confederate States Army), St. Thomas's Hospital

Land, William John, St. Mary's Hospital

Taylor, Theodore Thomas, Cricklade, Wilts

Whitehead, John, Park Place, Liverpool Road

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

Ewbank, Francis, St. Bartholomew's Hospital

Fagge, Herbert William, Guy's Hospital

Loane, Joseph, London Hospital

Willan, Thomas Henry, St. Bartholomew's Hospital

APPOINTMENTS.

PARSON, Edward, M.D., appointed Lecturer on Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children at the Charing Cross Hospital.

ROYAL NAVY.

DANN, Edward, M.D., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Medusa*.

HOGG, Abraham, Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Oberon*.

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

HUMPHREYS, F. W., Esq., to be Assistant-Surgeon 26th Middlesex R.V.

MITCHELL, T. R., M.D., to be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon 22nd Norfolk R.V.

DEATHS.

ANDERSON. On November 19th, at Tunbridge Wells, Jessie, wife of Frank Anderson, M.D., Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals, Indian Army.

BAYFIELD, Samuel J., Esq., Staff-Surgeon, on board the ship *Moulton*, aged 34, on October 22.

BURROWS, Edward, Esq., Surgeon, at Ruddington, Notts, aged 75, on November 22.

DAVIES, William Thomas, Esq., Surgeon, at York Town, near Bagshot, aged 25, on November 22.

*GOULD, Henry M., Esq., Surgeon, at Watlingbury, Kent, aged 61, on November 20.

NICOLSON, Thos., M.D., late of Davies Street, London, at Brighton, aged 69, on November 25.

PETTIGREW, Thomas J., Esq., F.R.S., F.S.A., at Onslow Crescent, South Kensington, aged 74, on November 23.

WARREN. On November 22nd, at Basingstoke, Penelope, wife of Pelham Warren, M.D.

THE BROMPTON CONSUMPTIVES are reported to have arrived at Madeira on the 17th ult., all well.

CHOLERA IN PARIS. The *Union Médicale* publishes an account which shews that the deaths from cholera in Paris and in the department of the Seine to Nov. 17th amount to about 6000.

GREENWICH HOSPITAL. Fifty of the female nurses, who have been for years engaged at this establishment, have been discharged by order of the Admiralty upon pensions varying according to length of servitude.

BEQUESTS. Mr. Robert Lewes, of Surbiton Park, has left £400 to each of the following metropolitan hospitals: St. George's; the Middlesex; Charing Cross; Royal Free; and the Brompton Consumption. Mr. Henning leaves £500 to the Dorset County Hospital; and Mr. John Lowe, of Birmingham, leaves £100 each to the General Hospital, the Queen's Hospital, and the Dispensary of that town.

THE PLYMOUTH NAVAL CLUB has been lately wound up, and the balance of the funds divided among the local charities; viz.: Devon and Cornwall Orphan Asylum, £5; Devon and Cornwall Hospital, £5; Plymouth Dispensary, £5; Plymouth Royal Eye Infirmary, £3; Royal Albert Hospital, Devonport, £5; Royal British Female Orphan Asylum, Devonport, £5; Royal Naval and Military Free Schools, Devonport, £5.

AMERICAN MEDICAL SERVICE. Army medical officers are being rapidly and on a large scale mustered out of the United States army. Where will they all find employment?

SANITARY STATE OF NEW YORK. The miserable sanitary and very crowded condition of New York has excited serious dread as to what ravages may be committed there by an advent of cholera.

FEVER IN MANCHESTER. A Manchester paper speaks of a late report of Mr. Greaves on the sanitary state of the town, as "a document the most startling that has appeared in Manchester for a long time." From that report, it appears that typhus and typhoid fever, after slowly creeping on, have within the last few weeks become so prevalent as to have almost attained to the dimensions of a pestilence which threatens to extend over the whole of the city.

A GOOD MOVE. Sir W. P. Wood has granted a writ against the Banbury Board of Health for disobeying a former injunction and continuing to empty their sewage into the Cherwell. It was shown that the Cherwell had been converted from a clear stream, full of fish, into a black, poisonous, open sewer, and caused sickness to the inhabitants. The defendants stated that they were taking measures to deodorise the sewage. Sir W. P. Wood does not accept that excuse. Till it is recognised that, whatever may be done with sewage, the rivers of England are not to be poisoned by it, there will be little hope of bringing local boards of health and other authorities to see that something else can be done with it, and to ask what that something else may be.

ACCIDENTALLY POISONED. Last week a painful sensation was created at York Town, Sandhurst, by the death of Mr. W. Davies, the son of a medical practitioner in that village, from accidental poisoning. It appears that on Tuesday night the deceased was suffering from indisposition, and went to his father's surgery to prepare a medicine which he had frequently used. He mistook a bottle containing chloroform for chloric ether. With this he withdrew to his bedroom, and it is supposed that he shortly afterwards partook of the preparation. Not making his appearance as usual on Wednesday morning, his father proceeded to his bedroom, the door of which he found locked, and on effecting an entrance by forcing it open, he discovered his son insensible, with the medicine bottle beside him. Drs. Bradford and Collins, surgeons at the Royal Military College, were sent for, and were unremitting in their exertions to save the life of their patient, but without avail. He expired on Wednesday evening. Much sympathy is expressed in the neighbourhood towards Dr. Davies, who two years ago had a daughter accidentally burnt to death.

CHARGE OF FRAUD AGAINST A DOCTOR. Dr. T. Whalley has been committed for trial, from the Dewsbury Police Court, on the charge of obtaining assurance policies under false pretences from the British Nation and the British Prudential Assurance Companies. It appears that certain documents were found in a public road indicating that the accused, who is the local medical assurance adviser, had effected an insurance on the life of one of his patients named Hannah Hepworth, then deceased. He had in the certificate of the death stated that she died of inflammation of the bowels, when, in fact, she had died of cancer in the same locality. Her friends were quite startled when the facts of this assurance came to light and had the body exhumed, but a scientific examination showed that death had not been brought about by any unfair means. The disclosures of these circumstances led to inquiries

and investigations by the assurance offices and then to the legal proceedings against the doctor. Evidence was given tending to show that the prisoner assured the life of Hannah Hepworth, and certified it in the usual way, when he knew the disease must soon carry off the woman.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 9 A.M. and 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.
TUESDAY....Guy's, 1 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 Orthopaedic, 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.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

MONDAY. Epidemiological Society, 8 P.M. Dr. Hermann Weber, "On Pettenkofer's Theory of the Mode of Propagation of Cholera"; Deputy Inspector-General Lawson, "On the Epidemiology of Cape Colony and Natal in 1864"; Dr. Alexander H. Riwe, "On the Laws of Epidemics."—Medical Society of London, 8 P.M. Dr. Broadbent, "Cases illustrative of the effect of Hæmorrhage into different parts of the Cranial Nervous Centres, with an attempt to explain the Exemption of the Abdominal, Facial, and other Muscles, from Paralysis in the Common Form of Hemiplegia."—Royal Geological.—Entomological.—Odontological.
TUESDAY. Pathological Society of London, 8 P.M.—Anthropological Society, 8 P.M.
WEDNESDAY. Obstetrical Society of London. Council Meeting, 7 P.M.; Papers, 8 P.M. Dr. R. U. West, "On a variety of Placenta"; Dr. Greenbald, "On Merits of Cesarean Section"; and other papers by Drs. Eastlake, Meadows, etc.—Geological.
THURSDAY. Harveian Society of London, 8 P.M. Dr. J. Burdon Sanderson, "On the Relations between the Cattle-Plague and Similar Diseases in Man."—Linnean.—Chemical.—Royal.
FRIDAY. Astronomical.

REGISTRATION OF DISEASE.

MONTHLY RETURN of new cases of disease coming under treatment at Pauper and Public Institutions. (A.) Manchester and Salford (Sanitary Association). (B.) Preston (R. C. Brown, Esq.). (C.) St. Marylebone, London (Dr. Whitmore). (D.) Birmingham (Dr. Alfred Hill).

| Diseases. | 4 weeks ending October 28th, 1865. | | | |
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| | A. | B. | C. | D. |
| Small-Pox | 10 | 26 | .. | 3 |
| Chicken-Pox | 1 | .. | 4 | 8 |
| Measles | 27 | .. | 57 | 31 |
| Scarlatina | 46 | 11 | 40 | 68 |
| Diphtheria | .. | .. | 1 | 8 |
| Whooping-Cough | 131 | 2 | 55 | 120 |
| Croup | 1 | 1 | 2 | 13 |
| Diarthra | 285 | 32 | 510 | 413 |
| Dysentery | 12 | 7 | 1 | 15 |
| Erysipelas | 26 | 1 | 23 | 14 |
| Insanity | 24 | 3 | 8 | 1 |
| Bronchitis and Catarrh | 705 | 125 | 624 | 350 |
| Pleurisy and Pneumonia | 44 | 9 | 31 | 29 |
| Carbuncle | .. | .. | 8 | 3 |
| Accidents and other diseases .. | 4812 | 684 | 3452 | 2532 |
| Totals | 6124 | 815 | 4825 | 3608 |

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COMMUNICATIONS.—To prevent a not uncommon misconception, we beg to inform our correspondents that, as a rule, all communications which are not returned to their authors, are retained for publication.

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ANDRAL'S DESCRIPTION OF CHOLERA, given thirty years ago, appears to be equally applicable now. His summary is:—"Caractères anatomiques, insuffisants; causes, mystérieuses; nature, hypothétique; symptômes, caractéristiques; diagnostic, facile; traitement, douteux."

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VILLAGE HOSPITALS.—SIR: Allow me to request such of your readers as are acquainted with the working of Village Hospitals, to kindly forward me Reports, Rules, etc., of successful undertakings of the class; and any other information which their courtesy may suggest. I have obtained particulars of one or two such institutions; but, as in the multitude of council is wisdom, I am induced to make this appeal. Believing that a Cottage Hospital could be very advantageously established in this peculiarly healthy village, in the centre of a beautiful and rich neighbourhood, some gentlemen are anxious to try the experiment, and we desire the advice of those qualified to give it.
 I am, etc., "F. M.", Surgeon, etc.,
 Post-Office, Bishop's Lydeard, near Taunton.
 November 28th, 1865.

CHANGE OF TYPE IN DISEASE.—SIR: The following was written in 1763; when, I presume, no change had taken place in the type of disease. "Lobbus verò pleuritidem veram in adultu viginti duos annos nato similiter absque phlebotomia curabat sudorificis, cardiacis, emplastris, vesicatoris ulnis applicatis. Videatur ejus observatio 49 et 50, tom. 2, et maxime in aphorismis quibus terminatur opus, quibus assertit morbos omnes febres inflammatorias, arduas, putridas, malignas acutissimas, sine catharsis, emetico et phlebotomia curari posse, et pluries à se ipso curatos esse." (Savage, *Nos. Method.*, tom. iv. p. 31.)
 I am, etc.,
 R. W. F.
 Bath, November 10th, 1865.

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Mr. RICHARD GRIFFIN; Mr. J. BIRCHENALL; Dr. J. F. ANDERSON; Mr. GEORGE LAWSON; THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SOCIETY; Mr. H. LOWNDSE; Mr. G. GREAVES; Dr. RANSOME; Dr. W. T. GAIRDNER; Dr. WHITE; Mr. SYME; THE HONORARY SECRETARIES OF THE ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY; Dr. CARR; THE HON. SECRETARY OF THE OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY; Mr. T. M. STONE; THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON; Mr. F. METCALFE; Dr. SMART; Dr. E. PARSON; THE REGISTRAR OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON; and Mr. G. J. SYMONS.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

1. Reports to the Lord Provost and Magistrates of Edinburgh, on the Pathological Appearances, Symptoms, Treatment, and Means of Preventing Cattle-Plague. Edinburgh: 1865.
2. Manual of Materia Medica and Therapeutics: being an Abridgment of the late Dr. Pereira's Elements of Materia Medica. By F. J. Farre, M.D., assisted by R. Bentley, F.L.S., and R. Warrington, F.R.S. London: 1865.
3. St. Bartholomew's Hospital Reports. Vol. i. London: 1865.
4. On the Means employed for Correcting the Inverted Image in the Retina of the Eye. By J. Swan. London: 1865.
5. A Theoretical Inquiry into the Physical Cause of Epidemic Diseases. By Alexander Hamilton Rowe, M.D. London: 1865.
6. Essay on the Nature and Treatment of Cholera and Fever; with Medical Remarks on the Treatment of Cattle-Plague; also an Appendix on Public Health. By James Tucker, M.D. Dublin: 1865.
7. Cholera Prospects. By Tilbury Fox, M.D. London: 1865.
8. Mortality among Infants and Children. By J. I. Ikin. Leeds: 1865.
9. Brief History of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. By E. Copeman, M.D. Second edition. Norwich: 1865.
10. Dictionary of Science, Art, etc. Part VII. London: 1866.
11. The Science and Practice of Medicine. By William Aitken, M.D. Edin. Two Volumes. Fourth edition. London: 1866.

12. A Guide to the Treatment of Diseases of the Skin. By Thomas Hunt, F.R.C.S. Eighth edition. London: 1865.
13. A Practical Treatise on Urinary and Renal Diseases, including Urinary Deposits. Illustrated by Numerous Cases and Engravings. By William Roberts, M.D. London: 1865.
14. Transactions of the Pathological Society of London. Volume xiv. London: 1865.
15. Memorandum to the Chairman of the Sanitary Committee of Glasgow. By the Medical Officer of Health. Glasgow: 1865.
16. The Cure of Club-Foot without Cutting Tendons. By R. Barwell. London: 1865.

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