

greatness of the little." He must cultivate the power of sustained thought; and, if he wish to overcome any difficulties, he must apply his mind intensely to the subject, remembering the old rhyme:

"Tender handed touch the nettle,
It will sting you for your pains;
Grasp it like a man of mettle,
And it soft as silk remains."

Another important element in the acquisition of knowledge was self-examination—taking stock, as it were, of what we know. As medical men, our motto should be, "*Semper paratus*"; for, in our profession more than in any other, we have not only to be men of learning, but men of prompt action. We have to think when others are paralysed; we have to be decided when others are wavering.....

And oh! how eloquent are our looks. A mother nursing her sick child will anxiously watch our every movement, our every expression; and one whisper, one hint, or even one gesture, will often suffice to snap the last and slenderest thread of hope.

Mr. Mason then dwelt on the importance of cultivating those qualities which are considered essential to the bearing of a gentleman. Without stooping to base motives, or cringing to abject servility, we are called upon, he said, to exercise, and rightly understand, what is aptly termed the "art of pleasing". One patient, for example, will require our constant attendance, which we may consider unnecessary; whilst another will be greatly displeased if, unsolicited, we pay him a second visit. It is this discrimination, the keen perception of individual character, the knowledge of the world, tact, judgment, common-sense—call it what we will—the dealing with each case as each case requires—that we are forced to observe.

Mr. Mason then urged upon his hearers the importance of being self-reliant, reminding them that, in practice, it is easier to make our patients our friends than to make our friends our patients. If we cannot create opportunities, we can take advantage of them when they are presented to us. If there be, as we are led to believe, a tide in the affairs of man, which, if taken at the flood, is to lead us on to fortune, it is manifestly our duty to watch for that flood. We must, however, wait patiently; and, as De Maistre says, "To know how to wait is the great secret of success." Always working with a contented mind, and having at all times a due consideration for the feelings of others, we must cultivate habits of self-discipline, self-control, and self-respect; all these, combined with unflinching industry, untiring perseverance, and strict integrity, constitute the rungs that form the ladder of prosperity.

Mr. Mason said, in conclusion: I earnestly ask you, on behalf of my colleagues, as well as in my own name, to play your part, as we hope to play ours—zealously, cheerfully, and faithfully; so that, whilst we endeavour to fulfil the royal law of Scripture, which directs us to do unto others as we would have them do unto us, we may always rejoice in the boundless resources our noble profession affords of "looking through Nature up to Nature's God."

ASSOCIATION INTELLIGENCE.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND COUNTIES BRANCH.

The next meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Council Room of the Midland Institute, on Thursday, October 8th. The chair to be taken at 3 o'clock precisely.

T. H. BARTLEET, *Honorary Secretary.*

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND BRANCH.

The autumnal meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Board Room of the Infirmary, Howgill Street, Whitehaven, on Wednesday, October 14th, at 1 P.M. The Infirmary will be visited at 3.30 P.M.; and dinner ordered at the Black Lion for 4 P.M.

Gentlemen intending to be present at the dinner, or to read cases or papers, are requested to give notice to the Honorary Secretary, Carlisle, Sept. 19th, 1868.

HENRY BARNES, M.D.

SHROPSHIRE SCIENTIFIC BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the above Branch will be held in the Natural History and Antiquarian Society's Museum, Shrewsbury, on Wednesday, October 28th, at 2.30 P.M.—President for 1867-8, WILLIAM NEWMAN, M.D., Stamford; President-elect for 1868-9, SAMUEL WOOD, F.S.A., Shrewsbury.

Gentlemen intending to read papers or cases, are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary.

The dinner will take place at 5 o'clock. Members can introduce friends.

SAMUEL WOOD, F.R.C.S., *Hon. Sec.*

UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.

OXFORD.

JESUS COLLEGE.—There will be an election to one Physical Science Scholarship at this College on Tuesday, October 20th. This scholarship is open, of the annual value of £80, and tenable to the close of the twentieth term from the scholar's matriculation. Candidates must not, on the day of election, be full twenty-four years old. Papers will be set in Chemistry, Physics, and Physiology; but answers will be expected from each candidate in one subject only. The candidates will be also examined in the ordinary classical matriculation subjects. Candidates are requested to call upon the Principal on the morning of Thursday, October 15th; and to bring with them proofs of their eligibility, certificates of their baptism, and testimonials of their past good conduct. The examination will begin the same day. For further information, apply to the Principal, or to Mr. Chapman, Jesus College.

UNATTACHED STUDENTS.—An examination of candidates for admission to the University of Oxford as unattached students will be held at Oxford, in the schools, by the Delegates for licensing lodging-houses, on Thursday, the 15th instant, at 10 A.M. All candidates who desire to keep the ensuing Michaelmas Term must then be present. The subjects of the examination will be: 1. Three Books of Homer, or one Greek Play; 2. Three Books of Virgil's *Aeneid*, or three Books of the *Odes* of Horace; 3. Translation from English into Latin; 4. The Elements of Greek and Latin Grammar; 5. Arithmetic, including Fractions, Decimals, and Proportion; 6. Euclid, Books I and II; or Algebra, the first four rules, Fractions, and Simple Equations. Each candidate is required to forward to the Delegates for licensing lodging-houses (under cover to the Rev. G. W. Kitchin, M.A., Christ Church, or to the Rev. G. S. Ward, M.A., Magdalen Hall), at least one week before the day appointed for the examination, (1) a testimony of good conduct and character, (2) a certificate that he has the consent of his parents or guardians to his living in lodgings.

MEDICAL NEWS.

RESULTS OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

for the week from 23rd to 29th Sept. (both inclusive).

Taken at Kew, by Dr. TREUTLER, Fellow of the Meteorological Societies of England and Scotland.

Mean height of barometer corrected and reduced to 32° F. and mean sea-level	29.549
Highest reading of do. (corrected & reduced), on 26th, 10 A.M.	29.744
Lowest ditto	29.307
Range of pressure during the week	00.437
Mean temperature of air in shade	59.3
Mean temperature of evaporation	56.6
Mean temperature of dew-point	54.2
Mean degree of humidity (saturation=100)	84.
Mean maximum temperature of the week	64.4
Mean minimum temperature of the week	48.7
Calculated mean temperature of the week	56.5
Maximum temperature of air in shade, on 26th	67.9
Minimum temperature (protected), on 24th	44.5
Minimum temperature (exposed on grass), on 25th	39.3
Range of temperature during week	28.6
Highest reading of black bulb, solar radiation, thermometer in vacuo, on 24th	113.0
Lowest ditto	74.7
Mean amount of clouds (0—10)	5.9
Total rainfall (which fell on 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th) ..	1.17 inch
Mean amount of ozone (0—10)	3.4

WIND.										Mean Force
N	NE	E	SE	S	SW	W	NW	Calm.	(0—12)	
10 A.M.	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	0	3.5
2 P.M.	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	1	0	4.1
10 P.M.	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	3.5
Mean force of wind (0—12)										3.7

The weather of the week has been unsettled and changeable. Atmospheric pressure, which has decreased, has been very unsteady, though its range has been somewhat less than last week. Temperature also has diminished. Winds have been almost wholly south-westerly, and

were of moderate force until the 26th. Since then, there have been strong squalls, accompanied by heavy showers of rain; the sky during the intervals clearing wholly or in part, with frequent gleams of bright sunshine. The general health continues good.

Kew, September 30th, 1868.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—Names of gentlemen who passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, Sept. 24th, 1868.

Affick, James, Stretton, Lancashire
Duke, Benjamin, Guy's Hospital
Nunn, George Richard, Lyndhurst
Peacock, Stanley, Frederick Street, King's Cross
Poutle, Edgar George, Bath Street, City Road
Rix, Charles James, Oxford Street, Manchester
Thompson, James Ashburton, Delamere Street, W.

At the same Court, the following passed the first examination.
Patchett, William Ashton, Manchester Infirmary

MEDICAL VACANCIES.

The following vacancies are declared:—

BANDON UNION, Co. Cork—Medical Officer for the Templemartin Dispensary District.
BIRMINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY—Two Resident Surgeons.
CHELSEA, BROMPTON, AND BELGRAVE DISPENSARY, Sloane Square—Physician.
CLIFDEN UNION, co. Galway—Medical Officer for the Islands of Inniscelfin and Shark.
CLUNY HILL HYDROPATHIC ESTABLISHMENT, Forbes—Physician.
FARRINGTON GENERAL DISPENSARY AND LYING-IN CHARITY, Bartlett's Buildings, Holborn—Surgeon.
HAMBLEDON UNION, Surrey—Medical Officer for the Workhouse; Medical Officer for the Chiddingfold District.
HORNCASTLE UNION—Medical Officer for the Telford District.
KILBURN, MAIDA VALE, AND ST. JOHN'S WOOD GENERAL DISPENSARY—Resident Medical Officer.
LINCOLN GENERAL DISPENSARY—Resident House-Surgeon.
MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL—House-Surgeon.
OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, St. George's Circus—Surgeon.
ROYAL GENERAL DISPENSARY, Bartholomew Close—Physician.
ROYAL SOUTH LONDON DISPENSARY, St. George's Circus—Two District Surgeons for Blackfriars and Southwark.
ST. MARYLEBONE GENERAL DISPENSARY, Welbeck Street—Surgeon.
STRANORLAR UNION, co. Donegal—Medical Officer for the Cloghan Dispensary District.
SUFFOLK GENERAL HOSPITAL, Bury St. Edmunds—Physician.
SWINFORD UNION, co. Mayo—Medical Officer for the Swinford Dispensary District and the Workhouse.
TRINITY COLLEGE, Dublin—Professor of Botany.
WICK, Caithness-shire—Parochial Medical Officer; Surgeon to the Gaol.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENT.

*SHUTTLEWORTH, G. E., B.A. Lond., M.R.C.S. Eng., Medical Associate of King's College, London, elected Assistant Medical Officer to the Asylum for Idiots, Earlswood.

BIRTH.

WINSLOW.—On September 25th, at Hammersmith, the wife of Lyttelton Stewart Winslow, L.L.B. Cantab. (youngest son of *Forbes Winslow, M.D.), of a son.

MARRIAGE.

At Colingsburgh, Fife, on September 29th, by the Rev. John Millar, *John THOMSON, L.R.C.P. and L.R.C.S. Edin., Kingswinford, Staffordshire, to Catherine, eldest daughter of William BRAID, Esq. No cards.

DEATH.

*BOTTOMLEY, George, Esq., Surgeon, of Croydon, suddenly, on September 27th.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES AT THE MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.—At the close of Dr. Sanderson's Introductory Address, the following prizes were presented by the chairman of the Weekly Board to the students who had successfully competed for them during the past year:—First Clinical Prize (Governor's Prize, value 20 guineas), Mr. James Charlesworth. Second Clinical Prize, Mr. Henry Bale. Third Clinical Prize, Mr. William Lee. First Prize in Medicine, Mr. James Charlesworth. First Prize in Surgery, Mr. James Charlesworth. Second Prize in Medicine and Surgery, Mr. Henry Bale. Prize in Physiology, Mr. Robert Lucas. Prize in Anatomy, Mr. Robert Lucas. Prize in Pathology, Mr. Robert Lucas. Prize in Chemistry, Mr. J. James. Prize in Materia Medica, Mr. W. Matthias Mott. Prize in Midwifery, Mr. Robert Lucas. Prize in Medical Jurisprudence, Mr. Robert Lucas. Prize in Practical Chemistry, Mr. H. C. Waldron. Prize in Botany, Mr. Charles Cobbold. Prizes in Comparative Anatomy, Mr. Charles Cobbold and Mr. J. James (equal). Prize for regularity of attendance at periodical examinations, Mr. Arthur Ayling. Students' Medical Society's Prize, Mr. James Charlesworth.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAYMetropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's, 9 A.M. and 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.
TUESDAY.....Guy's, 1.30 P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—National Orthopaedic Hospital, 2 P.M.—Royal Free, 9 A.M.
WEDNESDAY..St. Mary's, 1.15 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.—Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children, 2.30 P.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.
THURSDAY....St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic 1 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.—Royal Free, 1.30 P.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 Demonstrations and Operations), 1 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.

MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

WEDNESDAY.—Obstetrical Society of London, 7.30 P.M., Council Meeting. 8 P.M., Dr. Tilt, "On Irritable Uterus"; Dr. Meadows, "On Flexions of the Uterus"; and other papers by Dr. Martyn, Dr. Cory, and Mr. Houghton.

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