

have pointed out, whilst they consider their judgment to be insulted by a refusal to give credit to their observations.

It is for the medical practitioner to judge of the facts and to take the side of truth; in no case should a medical practitioner coincide with the people for the purpose of pleasing them.

I am, etc.,

FRED. J. BROWN, M.D.

Rochester, Dec. 16th, 1861.

Medical News.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON. At the Comitia Majora, held on Saturday, December 14th, the following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examination, and satisfied the College of their proficiency in the science and practice of medicine and midwifery, were duly admitted to practise physic as Licentiates of the College:—

Arthur, William, Government Emigration Service
Deyns, Frederick, M.D., Grundisburgh, Suffolk
Eaton, James William, Ilkeston
Godwin, Ashton, 11, Pelham Crescent, Brompton
Jones, Morris, Aberystwith
Liddard, Thomas, 10, Clarendon Road, Notting Hill
Middlemist, Robert Percy, 13, Great Coram Street
Rutledge, William Frederick, Summertown, near Oxford
Ryan, Edward Tenison, 8, Keith Terrace, Shepherd's Bush
Travers, William, Charing Cross Hospital

The following gentlemen passed the *first part* of the professional examination for the Licence, on Dec. 6:—

Atkins, Charles Alfred, St. George's Hospital
Deck, John Field, St. Thomas's Hospital
Lattey, James, St. George's Hospital
Leigh, Thomas, St. George's Hospital
Lloyd, Nathaniel Hellings, St. George's Hospital
Raffe, Charles Henry, King's College

APOTHECARIES' HALL. On December 12th, the following licentiates were admitted:—

Baker, John C., Romsey, Hants
Clarke, Sidney Edward, Armathwaite, Cumberland
Gilson, Francis G. S., University College Hospital
Gowland, John Edward, Surrey
Haslam, George Herbert, Market Drayton, Shropshire
Ling, William Squire, Gorleston, Suffolk
McCarthy, Edward, Norwich
Rogers, William G., St. Bartholomew's Hospital
Smart, John N., Bedminster, Bristol
Warrington, Fras. W., Congleton, Cheshire
Watts, Horace N., Great Northern Hospital

APPOINTMENTS.

DUNBAR, Henry, M.D., elected President of the Glasgow Southern Medical Society.

HARRISON, Charles, Esq., elected House-Surgeon and Apothecary to the Lincoln County Hospital.

HAWKINS, Francis, M.D., appointed, by the Queen, Physician to Her Majesty's Household, in the room of the late Sir John Forbes, M.D.

ROYAL NAVY. The following appointments have been made:—

GOLDIN, William C., Esq., Surgeon, to the *Orlando*.
LOWNE, Benjamin T., Esq., Acting Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Investigator*.

ROWE, James A., Esq., Assistant-Surgeon, to the *Impregnable*, for Plymouth Hospital.

SPOULL, Charles, Esq., Surgeon, to the *Devastation*.

BROWNE, Francis H., Esq.

HATCH, Jeremiah A., Esq.

SCOTT, Alexander, Esq.

THOMAS, David B., Esq.

COLQUHOUN, Archibald C., Esq.

HUTCHINSON, James, Esq.

JAMIESON, Dunbar A., Esq.

RIORDAN, Thomas T., Esq.

ROBERTSON, George, Esq.

Acting Assist.-Surgs., to the *Victory*, for Haslar Hospital.

Acting Assistant-Surgeons, to the *Impregnable*, for Plymouth Hospital.

VOLUNTEER CORPS. The following appointments have been made (A.V.—Artillery Volunteers; R.V.—Rifle Volunteers):—

ELLISON, S. K., Esq., to be Assist.-Surgeon 1st Tower Hamlets A.V.
KENNEDY, N. A., Esq., to be Assistant-Surgeon 1st Administrative Brigade Fife A.V.

ORD, G. R., Esq., to be Assistant-Surgeon 4th Surrey R.V.

To be Honorary Assistant-Surgeon:—
SERGEANT, J., Esq., 18th Cornwall R.V.

DEATHS.

ATKIN, George, M.D., at Hull, aged 46, on December 13.

Bossy, Lewis, Esq., Surgeon, at Brudenell Place, New North Road, aged 42, on December 14.

CURRIE, Charles D., M.D., Madras Army, at Upper Swainswick, near Bath, aged 44, on November 29.

SANDIE, John G., M.D., at Liverpool, aged 39, on December 13.

SMITH, Southwood, M.D., at Florence, aged 72, on December 10.

UNGER, Edward R. H., M.D., Surgeon, on board the *Gartsherrie*, at Calabar, on October 22.

THE LATE SIR HENRY MARSH, BART. A meeting of the subscribers to the testimonial to the late Sir Henry Marsh, Bart., was held last week to decide on the form of the testimonial; Dr. Corrigan in the chair. Resolutions were passed by which it was determined to erect a marble statue in the hall of the New College of Physicians in Dublin.

THE WILL OF SIR JOHN FORBES was proved in London, on the 27th ult., by his son, Alexander Clark Forbes, Esq., of Whitchurch, Oxford, the sole executor; and the personalty sworn under £5,000. The will was executed in 1858, and a codicil in the year following, and Sir John died on the 13th of November last, in his seventy-fourth year. This well-known physician has left his property, real and personal, to his only son, after making a few bequests, some pecuniary, and others consisting of books and various effects. To the Medical Benevolent Fund and the Royal Medical Benevolent College, legacies of £100 each; to the medical library, Marischal College, Aberdeen, his books on medical subjects, such as may not be selected by his son; his leasehold school cottage to the present occupier for life, and afterwards to the minister of Fordyce and the schoolmaster of the parish school, to appropriate the annual rent in the purchase of suitable books as prizes to the three best boys of that school. There are a few legacies to friends, and liberal legacies to servants. (*Illustrated London News*.)

THE FUTURE ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL. A correspondent of the *Times* writes as follows:—"On the other hand, the doctors, who are notorious for selfishness and indifference to the wants of the poor, seek to plant the hospital on a gravelly soil with a perfect drainage, on a central site, free from noise and nuisance—a site towards which all our great lines of railroad are fast converging—in the midst of stately buildings, on the line of new and important thoroughfares, and with I noble frontage on the largest open space in London. I am a near neighbour of King's College Hospital, and a hear that a member of the selfish profession in question is trying to tempt the Governors of St. Thomas's with an offer of land, buildings, and other substantial advantages, valued at little less than £150,000, on the easy conditions of completing one of the finest hospitals in existence, at a comparatively small outlay, and supporting within its walls the patients whom they must otherwise maintain in a building erected at double or treble the cost, and of a union with one of the largest and most flourishing medical schools in London. It is confidently asserted that the Council of King's College and the Committee of Management and Medical Officers of King's College Hospital would be willing to make this liberal offer. Such, at least is the gossip in the parts about."

DEATH OF DR. J. G. SANDIE OF LIVERPOOL. We regret to announce the death of Dr. John Gray Sandie of Liverpool, at the early age of 39, of fever contracted in the discharge of his duties as honorary surgeon to the Liverpool Dispensary. He has left a widow, with three young children. The deceased first settled in Liverpool about eleven or twelve years ago, but soon afterwards

emigrated to Australia; and having spent seven years in that colony, he returned to England, and resumed practice in Liverpool. He was taken ill on Dec. 3, while in attendance upon some fever patients; and died, after an illness of ten days, characterised by extreme prostration. This loss of a professional brother, thus cut off in the midst of his useful career, furnishes another example of the self-denying zeal and fidelity with which medical men, regardless of their own safety, discharge their sacred duties. Surely the physician who, while administering to the sufferings of his fellow-men, sacrifices his own life by a fearless exposure to the death-bearing miasm of contagious disease, falls as nobly and as honourably as the soldier who dies with his face to the foe on the field of battle.

THE EXPEDITION TO NORTH AMERICA. The *Army and Navy Gazette*, in a list of the staff of the expedition to North America, gives the following names of medical officers: *Inspector General*—Dr. W. M. Muir, C.B.; *Deputy Inspectors General*—Dr. J. Fraser, C.B., A. Stewart, W. Rutherford, J. W. K. Innes, C.B.; *Staff Surgeons*—J. L. Jameson, J. E. Moffat, F. Cogan, E. Menzies, R. C. Todd, H. J. Schooles, A. Smith, D. D. McDonald, A. D. Home, W. Snell, E. D. Banom, P. M'Dermott, J. W. Fox; *Staff Assistant-Surgeons*—A. K. Rickards, A. C. Robertson, T. B. O'Brien, W. P. Frazer, St. J. Killery, T. J. Murphey, E. L. Lundy, T. Collins, J. T. Milburn, G. L. Hinde, R. Atkinson, W. J. Mullan, A. Bryson, A. P. M. Cubitt, H. L. Randell; *Dispensers*—D. W. Williams, W. H. Tessier, R. Downes, H. T. Luffe; *Apothecary*—H. S. Harvey; *Purveyor's Clerk*—Spenceley, as clerk to principal medical officer. Dr. Muir, C.B., inspector general of hospitals, with Staff Surgeons Home, Fox, and Staff Assistant-Surgeons A. Bryson, M.D., Mullan, Hinde, and Milburn, left the Garrison Hospital, Fort Pitt, Chatham, on Saturday, and proceeded to Liverpool, to embark for Canada in the *Persia* steam-vessel. Dr. Patrick Gammie, deputy inspector general, from Devonport, arrived at Chatham, on Saturday, having received the appointment as principal medical officer, in lieu of Dr. Muir, C.B.

THE USES OF A KNOWLEDGE OF PHYSICAL TRUTHS. Among the advantages of a general knowledge of physical truths, one of the most important is its protective influence against credulity and superstition, and to such of you as are educating for the medical profession such a safeguard is peculiarly valuable. In the discussion of questions of a medical nature, we must not expect that kind of evidence which we demand in matters of law or of physical science. The principle of life, and the action of the mind on the bodily organs, introduce new and complex relations which expose all our reasonings to new sources of error. Hence it is, as Sir Henry Holland justly states, "that it is the want of a right understanding of medical evidence which makes the mass of mankind so prone to be deceived by imposters of every kind; whether it be the idle fashion as to particular remedies, or the worse, because wider, deception of some system, professing to have attained at once what the most learned and acute observers have laboured after for ages in vain." In proof of this, he states the remarkable fact (writing in 1852), "that, during the last twenty years, he has known the rise and decline of five or six fashions in medical doctrine or treatment, some of them affecting the name of systems, and all deriving too much support from credulity, or other causes, even among medical men themselves." I am glad to say that the teaching in our University has not been tainted by heresies like these. (*Sir D. Brewster, Opening Address.*)

THE HERBERT MEMORIAL. A meeting of the subscribers to the Herbert memorial took place on Tuesday, at the Council House, Salisbury, to receive the report of

a committee appointed at the general meeting held a few months ago. The sums received and promised up to the 3rd ultimo were, for the Convalescent Hospital, £3095; for the statue, £1078:1:6; and for disposal by the committee, £269:12. The committee recommended that the statue should be of bronze. They estimated the cost at £2000, and proposed to intrust its erection to Baron Marochetti. They recommended the adoption of the existing hospital at Charmouth, which was established by Lord Herbert. They thought that the funds collected should be laid out in good securities; and that the interest should be employed in augmenting the funds of this institution, which has been hitherto dependent on voluntary benevolence, they, at the same time, reserving a right, if they thought fit, to remove the home to another spot. They trusted that Miss Nightingale would yet be able to bestow her care upon the institution, and so discharge a service of love to the memory of the chief whom she so highly prized. Mr. T. H. Sotheron-Estcourt, M.P., the chairman, after referring in touching terms to the death of Prince Albert, proposed the adoption of the report. The resolution was seconded by Mr. C. Bleecock of Warminster, and unanimously carried. A committee was then nominated to carry out the purposes of the recommendation contained in the report, consisting of Mr. G. Wingfield Digby of Sherborne Castle; Mr. J. H. Jacob of Salisbury; and Mr. Hinsman of Dumford House, Wilts.

DEATH OF DR. SOUTHWOOD SMITH. The eminent physician and father of sanitary reform, Dr. Southwood Smith, died at Florence on the 10th inst., after six days illness, from bronchitis. Dr. Southwood Smith was born at Martock, in Somersetshire, on December 21st, 1788. Originally educated for the Christian ministry, the name of Southwood Smith was early brought into repute as the author of *Illustrations of the Divine Government*, which passed through several editions. The duties of the pastoral office having brought him much into contact with the poor, he readily perceived how greatly physical suffering contributes to moral degradation, and he entered upon the study of medicine at Edinburgh. For some time after receiving his diploma, he united the offices of pastor and physician at Yeovil. It has fallen to the lot of few to accomplish such extensive services for the public benefit as have been rendered by Dr. Southwood Smith. He was appointed physician to the London Fever Hospital and the Eastern Dispensary in 1824; and embodied the results of his observations made there, in a well-known work on fever. In 1837, he presented two valuable reports on the causes of sickness among the poor, which are capable of prevention. In 1839, he was chiefly instrumental in forming the "Health of Towns Association," materially aided a committee of the House of Commons on the same subject in 1840, and served during the same year on the Children's Employment Commission. In 1842, he took an active part in founding the "Metropolitan Association for Improving the Dwellings of the Industrious Classes." In 1844, he gave most impressive evidence before a commission for inquiring into the health of towns, and, in 1847, was appointed on the Metropolitan Sanitary Commission. In 1848, the Public Health and Nuisances Acts were passed, when Dr. Smith was appointed medical member of the General Board of Health; but for nearly twelve months his services were rendered gratuitously. In 1850, however, he was appointed permanently to the board, and altogether relinquished professional practice. For some considerable time prior to his decease Dr. Southwood Smith had been actively engaged in preparing an entirely new and complete edition of *The Philosophy of Health*. Another edition of *The Divine Government* was also in preparation; and in all probability both these works will shortly be republished.

OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

MONDAY.....	Royal Free, 2 P.M.—Metropolitan Free, 2 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.—Royal Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.
THURSDAY.....	St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—London, 1:30 P.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—London Surgical Home, 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.

POPULATION STATISTICS AND METEOROLOGY OF LONDON—DECEMBER 14, 1861.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

	Births.	Deaths.
During week.....	{ Boys .. 924 Girls.. 876 }	1800 1283
Average of corresponding weeks 1851-60	1704	1384
Barometer:		
Highest (Wed.) 29.939; lowest (Tu.) 29.329; mean 29.685.		
Thermometer:		
Highest in sun—extremes (Mon.) 82.2 degs.; (Th.) 59 degs.		
In shade—highest (Mon.) 54 degrees; lowest (Sat.) 39.5 degs.		
Mean—48.1 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs. 4.7 degs.		
Range—during week, 14.5 degrees; mean daily, 8.7 degrees.		
Mean humidity of air (saturation=100), 89.		
Mean direction of wind, S.W.—Rain in inches, 0.39.		

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.

T. Y.—We are glad to be able to inform our correspondent that his Alma Mater—the Edinburgh University—is in a very thriving state. We believe that it can boast this year of having in attendance in its classes upwards of five hundred students.

S. J.—The affair alluded to by our correspondent is of the following nature. It was represented to the Board of Censors by certain Fellows of the College of Physicians, that the conduct of one of the members of the College was in some particular not in due accordance with professional etiquette; and that the case was one in which it might be necessary to apply those bye-laws of the College which attach penalties to non-professional conduct. The Board of Censors, thus appealed to, met in solemn conclave to investigate the charge; and lawyers were called in to see fair play, and keep the thing in a legal kind of groove. The upshot of the investigation was, that the Board of Censors did not discover anything in the conduct of the member referred to, which required the application of any of their penal bye-laws. Under such circumstances, we do not consider that it would be proper either to allude to the nature of the charge, or to refer to the names of the parties connected with it.

AN APPEAL TO THE MESMERISTS.—Will neither the spiritualists nor the mesmerists take pity upon our ignorance, and let us know a little of what is at present going on in America? If either or both would only prove their powers by a small seasonable act of benevolence now, who would venture to laugh at them hereafter as quacks and humbugs?

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Mr. WILLIAM CORNEY; Mr. R. GRIFFIN; Dr. NEWMAN; Dr. W. E. NOORT; Mr. W. McNAB; Dr. H. WEBER; Mr. BENI THOMAS; Dr. GRAILY HEWITT; Dr. F. J. BROWN; Dr. T. K. CHAMBERS; Mr. SPENCER WELLS; Dr. E. COPEMAN; Dr. P. H. WILLIAMS; Dr. LATHAM; Mr. FREEMAN; Mr. W. H. C. WEEKES; Dr. HILLIER; and MEDICUS.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

1. A Notice of Menton. By Edwin Lee, M.D.
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