

portion of recent softening with consecutive hæmorrhage, which was evidently the immediate cause of death. The back of the hands, and that part of the feet which were constantly exposed (as the man, who was a beggar, wore only slippers without any socks), were the seat of erythematous swelling, and in some places denuded of the epidermis, as if removed by phlyctenæ, and the Malpighian layer was entirely exposed. The other parts of the body which are constantly exposed, such as the face and neck, also bore evident marks of the local action off the sun and air.

The treatment consists of removing the causes, and placing the patient in as favourable a condition as possible, administering at the same time good wine, tonics, and proper substantial food. Pharmaceutical agents are of little use in these cases, but prophylactic measures are invaluable, particularly where the disease is endemic, and where, for want of a just appreciation of its nature, thousands of human beings are carried off annually. These measures, however, M. Béhier declares are not in the province of medical men, they belong more to governments; and to that science which, up till now, has proved of so little use, and to which they have given the name of "political economy." But, continued M. Béhier, if medical men cannot of themselves improve the social condition of their fellow creatures, it is, nevertheless, their duty to fearlessly point out to those in power what is due to the people under their rule; and, if the rulers would only try to meet the wants of the masses, it would reflect more to their credit and bring them more glory than that achieved by arms. M. Béhier then added that, should the medical men fail in their philanthropic efforts, they should, with the authority due to their special knowledge, persevere in their good work; and the accomplishment of their exalted duties ought to make them more and more love their profession, which is unquestionably the noblest of all human callings. Be proud, he concluded, of such a profession, and if you would only cultivate it with dignity and honour, you may hold up your heads with any potentate, as you will have rendered as much, if not greater service, to the cause of humanity.

Among the English and other foreign ladies prosecuting their studies for the medical profession in Paris, there is a Mrs. Lawson, an English lady, who has just successfully passed her first preliminary examination, for the doctorship, in company with a French lady, named Madame Danel. Mrs. Lawson, it will be remembered, obtained only a short time ago the degree of Bachelor of Sciences, which is one of the requisites for the candidature of a M.D.

M. Littré, you will be glad to hear, is much better.

## OBITUARY.

ROBERT PENTLAND, Esq., F.R.C.S.I.

On the 17th of June, passed away one of the best operators and most successful practitioners among Irish provincial surgeons, in the person of Robert Pentland, Esq., of Drogheda. Apprenticed to the late celebrated Abraham Collis, he passed the examination for the Letters Testimonial of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, and became a Licentiate of that body in the year 1818, having been for six years resident pupil in Stevens' Hospital, under the supervision of his distinguished master and most of the other greatest surgeons of the Irish metropolis then alive, all men of celebrity and attainments. Within a short period after obtaining his qualification, he was elected surgeon to the County Infirmary at Drogheda, which post he continued to hold until death removed him from office, in the fifty-sixth year subsequent to his appointment. Throughout this long period of official life he commanded an extensive practice, attending all the leading families of the Counties of Meath and Louth, carrying with him the unceasing and heartfelt esteem of all classes of the community. Beloved by the poor, the welcome guest at all times of the rich, and respected by all for untiring professional zeal, urbanity, and kindness in every relation of life and unbounded hospitality, to his brother practitioners he exhibited that unselfishness and cordial feeling, which rendered him a favourite among them all. As a surgeon, he displayed great manipulative dexterity, and combined the talents of a sound surgical opinion and a successful operator. At the completion of his fiftieth year of office, as surgeon to the infirmary, the governors presented him with a handsome address, and purse of six hundred sovereigns, in appreciation of his long and arduous services. He obtained the Fellowship of the College of Surgeons in Ireland, in the year 1826, and for many years had a seat on its Council. He was also surgeon to the County Louth Militia. By the removal of Robert Pentland, Irish provincial surgery has lost an accomplished ornament and a kind and generous friend.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—The following gentlemen was admitted as a member of the College on July 31st.  
Curnow, John, M.D., Mère Court Chambers.

The following gentlemen were admitted licentiates of the College on July 31st.

Barnard, Edward Charles, Tamworth Road, Croydon.  
Bedford, Robert, Hereford Road.  
Romford, Gerald, King's College Hospital.  
Curtis, Arthur, Alton, Hampshire.  
Davis, Harry, Callington, Cornwall.  
Deakin, Charles W., Kingston Grange, Hereford.  
Dodd, Alexander R., Westbourne Terrace Road.  
Drake, Arthur, Stratford.  
Dyer, John, Guildford Street.  
Eskell, Maurice, Grosvenor Street.  
Fowler, Breame, Castle Street East.  
Gillingham, Alfred, Guy's Hospital.  
Godrich, Alfred, Fulham Road.  
Goodchild, John, Heathfield House, Ealing.  
Gray, Frederick A., Charrington Street.  
Green, James, Landport, Portsmouth.  
Haig, Percy de Haga, Gilstone Road.  
Harvey, Charles W., University Hospital.  
Hartridge, Gustavus, Shrewsbury.  
Keetley, Charles R. B., St. Bartholomew's Hospital.  
Kitchen, Charles F. H., Ogilvie Street, Manchester.  
Lawrence, George E., Claverton Street, Bath.  
Lindsay, William B., Camden Road.  
Millar, William, Cathcart Road.  
Morris, Sydney, Hayes, Kent.  
Murphy, John F., Ardavinia, St. John's Hill, Wandsworth.  
Osler, William, Stanhope Street.  
Reid, Alexander, Towlaw, Darlington.  
Risdon, George O., Charlwood Street.  
Sobey, Arthur L., West London Hospital.  
Symons, John, Manor Villas, Hackney.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—The following gentlemen passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on Thursday, 7th August, 1873.

Clift, Martin Luther, Central Street.  
Godrich, Alfred, Fulham Road.  
Risdon, George Owen, Charlwood Street, Pimlico.

The following gentleman also on the same day passed his primary professional examination.

Little, Henry Selby, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.—The following candidates were successful at the competitive examinations held at London in February, and at Netley in August, 1873, after having passed through a course at the Army Medical School, Netley, and will receive commissions as surgeons in Her Majesty's Navy.

Order of Merit.	Names.	Studied at	Number of marks gained; max. 6900.
1.	Wellings, B. W.	Glasgow .. ..	4485
2.	White, R. D.	Dublin .. ..	4350
3.	Leech, J. R.	Cork .. ..	4335
4.	Wilson J. ..	Belfast .. ..	4185
5.	Madders, H. J.	Cork .. ..	4180
6.	Lucas, E. A.	Dublin .. ..	3675
7.	Sproule, R.	Dublin .. ..	3521
8.	Godding, C. C.	London .. ..	3355
9.	Browne, S.	Belfast .. ..	3137
10.	Flood, A. ..	Dublin .. ..	2795
11.	Harrison, H. B.	London .. ..	2770
12.	Fitzgerald, M.	Dublin .. ..	2730
13.	Hamilton, S. F.	Do. .. ..	2413
14.	Magrane, C. W.	Do. .. ..	2402

## MEDICAL VACANCIES.

THE following vacancies are announced:—

ALCESTER UNION, Warwickshire—Medical Officer for the Bidford District: £55 per annum.  
ASTON UNION, Warwickshire—Medical Officer for the Deritend District: £60 per annum.  
AUCHTERGAVEN, Perthshire—Parochial Medical Officer: £32 per annum. Applications to Thomas Wyllie, Chairman.  
BIRKENHEAD URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT—Medical Officer of Health, £250 per annum, without private practice. Applications, 19th inst., to Ambrose Wain, Clerk to Improvement Commissioners.  
BOURNMOUTH GENERAL DISPENSARY—Resident Surgeon: £100 per annum, furnished apartments, &c. Applications, August 28th, to the President, care of J. G. Douglas, M.B.  
BROMFORD, HEREFORD, LEDBURY, LEOMINSTER, AND WEOLBY RURAL SANITARY DISTRICTS—Medical Officer of Health: £500 per annum for three years, without private practice. Applications, 19th inst., to T. Llanwarne, Esq., Hereford.

**DROITWICH UNION**, Worcestershire—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Ombersley District: £90 per annum and vaccination fees only. Applications, 26th inst.

**EAST SUFFOLK HOSPITAL**, Ipswich—House-Surgeon and Secretary: £100 per annum, board, furnished apartments, etc. Applications, 26th inst., to George T. Elliston, Secretary.

**ESSEX AND COLCHESTER HOSPITAL**—House-Surgeon and Apothecary: £80 per annum, board, and lodging. Applications, 21st inst., to John Lay, Esq., Secretary.

**EVESHAM UNION**, Worcestershire—Medical Officer for District No. 5: £12 per annum.

**GENERAL HOSPITAL**, Birmingham—Resident Registrar and Pathologist: £100 per annum, with board and residence.

**JOINT COUNTIES LUNATIC ASYLUM**, Carmarthen—Assistant Medical Officer: £100 per annum to commence, furnished apartments, etc. Applications, 27th inst., to the Medical Superintendent.

**LIVERPOOL EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY**—House-Surgeon: £80 per annum, residence, and maintenance. Applications, 20th inst., to Henry H. Hornby, Esq.

**LODDON and CLAVERING UNION**, Norfolk—Medical Officer for the Workhouse and District No. 2: £40 and £55 per annum.

**MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY**, etc.—Honorary Assistant-Physician. Applications, 30th inst., to Benjamin Brown, Secretary.

**NEWTON ABBOT RURAL, and DAWLISH AND WOLCOROUGH URBAN, SANITARY DISTRICTS**, combined—Medical Officer of Health: £400 per annum for two years, without private practice. Applications, 16th inst., to John Alsop, Esq.

**RIPON DISPENSARY AND HOUSE OF RECOVERY**—Resident House-Surgeon: £100 per annum, furnished apartments, etc. Applications, 30th inst.

**ROYAL INFIRMARY**, Glasgow—Physician.

**TENDRING UNION**, Essex—Medical Officer for District No. 7: £50 per annum.

**QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S LYING-IN HOSPITAL**, St. Marylebone Road—House-Surgeon. Applications, 8th September, to A. Boodle, Secretary.

**ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL**—Resident Assistant-Surgeon: £100 per annum, furnished apartments, and commons. Applications to the Treasurer.

**WEST SUSSEX, EAST HANTS, and CHICHESTER GENERAL INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY**—Assistant House-Surgeon: £20 per annum, board, lodging, and washing. Applications, 23rd inst., to P. A. Murdoch, M.B., House-Surgeon and Secretary.

### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

*Names marked with an asterisk are those of Members of the Association.*

\***WAHLTUCH**, Adolphe, M.D., appointed Honorary Physician to the Hulme Dispensary, Manchester.

**WEBB**, William, M.D., appointed Certifying Surgeon under the Factories Act for the Mills at Wirksworth, Cromford, Matlock Bath, Lea, and Bonshall, in the County of Derby, *vice* \*William Cantrell, Esq., resigned.

### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

*The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which should be forwarded in stamps with the communication.*

#### BIRTHS.

**BINGHAM**.—On August 6th, at Church Street, Alfreton, the wife of \*John J. Bingham, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., of a son.

**CLARKE**.—On August 4th, at Laurence Street, Drogheda, the wife of \*Francis E. Clarke, M.A., M.D., of a son.

**WHITELAW**.—At Wellington Place, Kirkintilloch, on August 13th, the wife of \*W. Whitelaw, M.D., of a son.

#### MARRIAGE.

**LANG-SMITH**.—On August 13th, at St. Patrick's Church, Waterford, by the Rev. Denis Hanan, M.A., cousin of the bride, assisted by the Rev. W. H. Kerr, B.A., Thomas B. Lang, M.D., of Goombridge, Sussex, to Emily, second daughter of Thomas D. Smith, Esq., of Waterford.

#### DEATHS.

**RODWELL**.—On August 5th, at Loddon, Norfolk, George Rodwell, Esq., formerly of the ship *Edinborough*, East India Company's Service, aged 54.

**SINCLAIR**, Donald, M.D., of Peckham, aged 58, on July 23rd.

**COMMUNICATIONS, LETTERS, ETC.**, have been received from:—

Dr. A. P. Stewart, London; Mr. J. T. Clover, London; Dr. Noel Gueneau de Mussy, London; Dr. Hughlings Jackson, London; Dr. Swaby Smith, Liverpool; Dr. Allen Glenan, Ireland; Mr. Lawson Tait, Birmingham; Dr. Francis Clark, Drogheda; Mr. W. Summerhayes, Norwich; Mr. A. W. Jordan, Sheffield; Mr. T. Leeds, Sheffield; Mr. W. T. Colby, Malton; Dr. Aveling, London; Dr. Burdon Sanderson, London; Professor Virchow, Berlin; Mr. Cuffe, London; Mr. H. Arnott, London; Dr. Marey, Paris; Dr. Rumsey, Cheltenham; Dr. Kidd, Dublin; Dr. Edis, London; Dr. Carr, Blackheath; Dr. Ord, London; Dr. McKendrick, Edinburgh; Mr. Waren Tay, London; Dr. Dieulafoy, Paris; Dr. Pappenheim, Berlin; Dr. Grabham, Madeira; Dr. Steele, Liverpool; Mr. Adams, Bungay; Dr. Harrington Tuke, London; Mr. Pennefather, London; Dr. Bell Taylor, London; Dr. Cobbold, London; Dr. Moriarty, Woolwich; Dr. Morell Mackenzie, London; Dr. T. Ballard, London; Mr. Fielding, Alfreton; Dr. Webb, Wirksworth; Mr. G. W. Hastings, Malvern; Dr. Miller, Dundee; Mr. Manby, East Reedham; Mr. W. Smith, Edinburgh; Mr. C. Greig, Clifton; Our Paris Correspondent; etc.

\* Several hundred communications were received during the last week, and of these we are able to acknowledge only those which relate to MSS.

### OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

**MONDAY** ..... Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.

**TUESDAY** ..... Guy's, 1.30 P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—West London, 3 P.M.—National Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY**... St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—St. Mary's, 1.30 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 1.30 P.M.—London, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children, 2.30 P.M.—Cancer Hospital, Brompton, 3 P.M.—King's College, 2 P.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 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.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.

**FRIDAY** ..... Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 2 P.M.—Royal South London Ophthalmic, 2 P.M.

**SATURDAY**... St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1.30 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 P.M.—Royal London Ophthalmic, 11 A.M.—Royal Free, 2 P.M.—East London Hospital for Children, 2 P.M.—Hospital for Women, 9.30 A.M.—Royal Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.—St. Thomas's, 9.30 A.M.—Royal Free, 9 A.M. and 2 P.M.

### NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**CORRESPONDENTS** not answered, are requested to look to the Notices to Correspondents of the following week.

**WE CANNOT UNDERTAKE TO RETURN MANUSCRIPTS NOT USED.**

**CORRESPONDENTS**, who wish notice to be taken of their communications, should authenticate them with their names—of course, not necessarily for publication.

**COMMUNICATIONS** respecting editorial matters should be addressed to the Editor; those concerning business matters, non-delivery of the JOURNAL, etc., should be addressed to the General Manager, at the Office, 37, Great Queen Street, W.C.

SIR,—For the information of your correspondent, Dr. Corben of Guernsey, I beg to offer an explanation of the terms "Chrisoms" and "Headmouldshot". "Chrisom" applies to the "death of a child within a month after its birth, so called from the chrisom cloth, or linen anointed with holy oil, which was formerly laid over a child's face when it was baptised". "Headmouldshot" is a disease in children, in which the sutures of the skull, usually the coronal, have their edges shot over one another".

If you could find a place for the above explanation, it may enlighten many who never before heard of such "queer names" for "ills" that "flesh was heir to" in the early part of the last century.

I am, etc., E. DES FORGES,

Member of the British Medical Association.

**CORRESPONDENTS** are particularly requested by the Editor to observe that communications relating to Advertisements, changes of address, and other business matters, should be addressed to Mr. Francis Fowke, General Secretary and Manager, at the Journal Office, 37, Great Queen Street, W.C., and not to the Editor.

**NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS**.—Advertisements should be forwarded direct to the Printing-Office, 37, Great Queen Street, W.C., addressed to Mr. FOWKE, not later than *Thursday*, twelve o'clock.

**NOTICES of Births, Marriages, Deaths, and Appointments**, intended for insertion in the JOURNAL, should arrive at the Office not later than 10 A.M. on Thursday.

We are indebted to correspondents for the following periodicals, containing news reports, and other matters of medical interest:—The Daily Post; The Lincoln Journal; The Liverpool Weekly Albion; The Manchester Courier and Lancashire General Advertiser; The London Mirror; The Leeds Mercury; The Christian World; The Bolton Daily Journal and District News; The Scotsman; The Manchester Guardian, July 16th; The Aberdeen Daily Free Press, July 12th; The Bath Express, July 12th; The Birmingham Daily Post, July 16th; The Herts and Essex Observer; The Roscommon Journal; The Hull Packet; The Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer; The Melbourne Argus; The Sussex Daily News; The City Press; The Birmingham Daily Mail; The Kendal Mercury; The Daily Review; The Western Mail; The Wrexham Guardian; The Lincolnshire Chronicle; The Inquirer; The Lincoln Gazette; The Redruth Times, July 11th; The Liverpool Albion; etc.

### BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

The Harveian Oration, 1873. By George Rolleston, M.D., F.R.S. London: Macmillan and Co. 1873.

Evolution of Life. By Henry C. Chapman, M.D. Second Edition. Philadelphia: 1873.