

for his address. All who have listened to that comprehensive, that eloquent, and that most instructive address, must feel that they have a deep debt of gratitude to pay him. I am happy to say that I have upon this paper two names honoured in British surgery, who are anxious to come forward and move and second a resolution of thanks to Mr. Paget. Mr. Hey will propose a vote of thanks, and Mr. Hodgson will second it.

Mr. W. HEY (Leeds). I regret that the task which has been imposed upon me has not fallen into other hands than mine, because there are many gentlemen in the room willing and anxious to undertake this duty, and who would have performed it much better than I can. The task, however, is not a difficult one; if it had been, I should have shrank from it. Nothing is more easy, because the address must have commended itself to the approbation of every one who has heard it. Nothing that could fall from me could add in any degree to your appreciation of the address to which you have just listened. I will not detain you by any observations of my own, except to say that I am glad of the opportunity of expressing my own individual concurrence with every sentiment which has fallen from Mr. Paget. He has not expressed or enunciated any principle with which I could not entirely concur. Mr. Hey concluded by proposing:—

“That the cordial thanks of this meeting be given to Mr. Paget for his very able and interesting address, and that he be requested to allow it to be printed in the JOURNAL of the Association.”

Mr. HODGSON (London) seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

PAPERS.

The following paper was read—

Suggestions for Inquiry into the Action of Medicines. By C. Handfield Jones, M.B., F.R.S.

Dr. G. WEBSTER proposed; Dr. Farr seconded, and it was resolved:—

“That a small committee be appointed to inquire into the action of medicines; that Dr. Handfield Jones, Dr. Acland, Dr. Fleming, Dr. Farr, Mr. Crompton, Dr. Hughes Bennett, Mr. Hodgson, Dr. Webster, and Dr. Harley, be the committee, with power to add to their number.”

Remarks on a Case of Wound of the Spinal Cord. By C. E. Brown-Séquard, M.D., F.R.S.

The Use of Iodine in the Treatment of Affections of the Head in Children. By R. T. Evanson, M.D.

Some Account of a Case in which Internal Cancer was Removed from the Orbit. By C. H. Moore, Esq. [The patient was brought by Mr. Moore to an adjoining room for examination by the members.]

On the Question—Is Alcohol Food? By T. Inman, M.D.

On the Non-Alcoholic Treatment of Disease. By J. Higginbottom, Esq., F.R.S.

POPULATION STATISTICS AND METEOROLOGY OF LONDON—AUGUST 2, 1862.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

Births. Deaths.

During week.....	{ Boys .. 928 }	1794	1209
	{ Girls .. 866 }		

Average of corresponding weeks 1852-61 1773 1275

Barometer:

Highest (Mon.) 29.956; lowest (Sat.) 29.816; mean, 29.898.

Thermometer:

Highest in sun—extremes (Sun.) 129.5 degs.; (Mon.) 110.2 degs.

In shade—highest (Fri.) 79.9 degrees; lowest (Mon.) 46.0 degs.

Mean—61.3 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs.—1.0 deg.

Range—during week, 33.9 degrees; mean daily, 24.5 degrees.

Mean humidity of air (*saturation*=100), 70.

Mean direction of wind, S.W.—Rain in inches, 0.03.

Medical News.

THE LATE DR. McWILLIAM. We have been requested to publish the following appeal: “28th July, 1862. Sir: We, the undersigned, have formed ourselves into a sub-committee to co-operate with a committee already existing of medical officers of the navy in raising a fund among the profession generally, for the widow and orphan children of the late Dr. McWilliam, C.B., F.R.S. Dr. McWilliam was so well known as to render it almost superfluous to state that in him were combined in a pre-eminent degree all the most estimable qualities of the medical character—professional knowledge and sound judgment, high moral courage, great benevolence and generosity, with indefatigable zeal and industry; and these qualities shone forth during the whole course of a public life marked by many memorable and trying events. Witness his active services, intermitted only by severe attacks of fever, in various ships on the West Coast of Africa, his most heroic exertions in the ill-fated expedition to the Niger, and, subsequently, his volunteer labours in investigating with such self-sacrificing zeal the yellow fever at the Cape de Verde Islands, which followed upon the fatal outbreak of that pestilence in H. M. S. *Eclair*. As Medical Inspector of the Customs during the latter years of his life he displayed the same energy of purpose and devotedness to duty, and won the esteem and gratitude of all with whom he was associated. For his many valuable services he received, in 1858, the distinguished honour of being made Companion of the Bath. His leisure time was unceasingly given up to the advancement of professional science. From the formation of the Epidemiological Society he discharged with unflagging zeal the duties of honorary secretary, and his many contributions to its transactions, as well as his recent researches on the health of our merchant seamen, brought before the National Association for the Promotion of Social Science, must be well known to all. When we find that a man, who thus so honourably and so usefully spent his life, has left his widow and family without anything like adequate provision, we feel that this is no ordinary case, and that in contributing to a fund for the due support, education, and respectable introduction into life of eight young daughters prematurely bereaved of a father's care, the profession are but doing justice to their feelings of benevolence in a righteous cause. We beg to subscribe ourselves,—B. G. Babington, M.D., F.R.S., Chairman, 31, George Street, Hanover Square; J. Copland, M.D., F.R.S., Old Burlington Street; H. Mapleton, M.D., Deputy Inspector of Hospitals, 6, Whitehall Yard; J. Simon, F.R.S., Privy Council Office, Whitehall; Waller Lewis, M.D., General Post Office; R. D. Grainger, F.R.S., Highgate; Ranald Martin, C.B., F.R.S., Mount Street, Grosvenor Square; J. Propert, 6, New Cavendish Street; William Farr, M.D., F.R.S., Somerset House; William Cooke, M.D., Trinity Square, E.C.; Gavin Mirroy, M.D., Hon. Sec., 149, Strand, or 8, St. John's Villas, Richmond. Subscriptions by cheque or otherwise will be received by all the members of the committee, or may be paid to the “McWilliam Fund,” at the London and Westminster Bank, St. James's Square, S.W.”

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