

with the fact brought before them by the Coroner, that such cases as that now reported do not unfrequently occur, a jury should be extremely cautious how they return a verdict of wilful murder against the unfortunate mother.—*British American Journal*, quoted in *Monthly Journal of Medical Science*.

### TESTS FOR SUGAR IN URINE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL.

SIR,

I feel much obliged to Mr. Moore for his ready reply to my query, respecting the value of the potass test; it is my intention to experiment further upon it, and I shall be glad to correct any erroneous opinion I may have formed.

I can assure him the urine was truly diabetic, and indeed it was only for the sake of testing the tests that it was submitted to their action. The case is yet under treatment, and will be shortly submitted to your Journal.

Yours obediently,

H. S. BELCOMBE.

Minster Yard, York, April 22, 1846.

### ESCAPES FROM LUNATIC ASYLUMS.

Escapes are not only to be guarded against on account of the hazard to others of permitting dangerous lunatics to be at large, but also for the excitement which they are apt to cause to the insane themselves. An epileptic lunatic escaped from the asylum at Gateshead Fell, near Newcastle, in December, 1842. He escaped on the Saturday afternoon, and murdered his wife and daughter in a paroxysm of epileptic mania, on the Monday night. At Dunnington, near York, there were three dangerous patients, one of whom had threatened the life of a brother; another, of his wife; and another, of his wife and child—who had escaped at different times from the asylum.—*Dr. Winslow's Edition of the Lunatics' Act*.

### QUEEN'S COLLEGE, BIRMINGHAM.

The Reverend Dr. Warneford has presented, through William Sands Cox, Esq., the munificent sum of *one thousand pounds* towards the erection of additional rooms for the students, halls of study, lecture room, and chemical laboratory.

### MEDICAL INTELLIGENCE.

Dr. H. Bence Jones has been elected Physician, and Dr. H. Pitman, Assistant Physician, to St. George's Hospital.

Mr. Joseph Henry Green has been appointed one of the Commissioners for the government of the Pentonville Prison, in the room of the Duke of Richmond, resigned.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Gentlemen admitted Members Friday, April 24th, 1846:—R. Cockburn; B. Miller; W. Davenport; W. J. Collins; J. C. Clendon; G. A. Knox; E. J. Barker; D. E. Hamilton; H. Smith; J. Mullhanny; S. Chevasse.

### SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted Licentiates, Thursday, April 16th:—George Peskett, Petersfield; Henry Peskett, Petersfield; Philip Beal, Portsea; William Smith, Derby; Allan Cleland, London; George Henry King, Southampton; Charles Mathias; William James Kite, Ramsbury, Wilts; William Bowden, Totness.

### OBITUARY.

Died, April 14th, at Carlisle, aged 77, Sir Samuel Heward, Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, and formerly senior member of the Madras Medical Board. Sir Samuel Heward received the honour of knighthood for his exertions as chief of the Medical Staff in Ava.

April 22nd, aged 45, William Eccles, Esq., Surgeon to the Royal Free Hospital.

Recently, of diseased heart and lungs, Thomas Firth, Esq., M.D., M.R.C.S., L.A., &c.

### BOOK RECEIVED.

Burial Ground Incendiarism. *The Last Fire at the Bone-House in the Spa-Fields Golgotha, or, the Minute Anatomy of Grave-Digging in London.* By George Alfred Walker, Surgeon, Author of *Gatherings from Grave-Yards*, &c. &c. London: Longman and Co, 1846. 8vo., pp. 48.

### ERRATA IN DR. WATSON'S PAPER ON THE EPIDEMIC FEVER OF LIVERPOOL.

Page 34, col. 2, l. 7, for unobserved, read "unrecorded."  
 l. 18, for unnoticed, read "unrecorded."  
 l. 38, for tympanitis, read "tympanites."  
 Page 35, col. 1, l. 18, for unnoticed, read "unrecorded."  
 l. 30, for unnoticed, read "not noted."  
 l. 48, for inordinate digestion, read "involuntary dejections."  
 Page 122, column 1, line 34, for tends, read "trends."

### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Dr. Fife's communication has been received. The conclusion of Dr. Black's paper, on Altered Conditions of the Liver, is unavoidably delayed till next week.

*Investigator*.—The Author of the paper entitled "Thoughts on the Structure and Functions of the Nervous System, and on their Relation to the Phenomena of the Soul," sent his name with his communication. The illustrations promised have not yet been received.

It is requested that all letters and communications be sent to Dr. Streeten, Foregate Street, Worcester. Parcels, and books for review, may be addressed to the Editor of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal, care of Mr. Churchill, Princes Street, Soho.