

of any latent scepticism respecting the efficacy of infinite small doses, she was prudent enough to return to her old medical friend, to whom she handed the remaining powders, with the directions. This gentleman, suspecting that they contained some active narcotic, caused them to be submitted to a chemical analysis. We have now the report of this analysis before us, and of it we shall make the following abridgment. The powders were numbered 2, 3, and 4. They were *similar in appearance*, except that No. 3 was somewhat whiter than the other two: there was nothing to indicate that they were of different composition; and as they were to be taken in the same way on alternate nights, this could not possibly be suspected.

"Although there was no great dissimilarity in bulk, the powders were very unequal in weight. No. 2 weighed 3.4 grains; No. 3, 1.5 grains; No. 4, 2 grains. No. 2 was found, upon analysis, to consist entirely of calomel and *morphia*, the *morphia* forming not less than *one grain*. No. 3 contained no *morphia* or calomel, nor any mineral or other substance, but merely *sugar of milk*. No. 4 was composed of calomel and *morphia*, the *morphia* amounting to one half grain."

MEDICAL REMUNERATION AND POOR-LAW AUTHORITIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL.

SIR,

Medical men delight to revile Poor-Law Commissioners and Boards of Guardians, for the low pecuniary value which they attach to medical services to the sick poor. But is this right? Who are the persons that have established, recognized, and would perpetuate the principle, that in the exceptional instance of physicians and surgeons, the poor, on philanthropic grounds, are entitled to our *gratuitous* services? Nay, farther, that when subscribers to public charities will *permit* us to act professionally for the poor, they are entitled to our gratitude? See the addresses of successful candidates in medical elections. It is true that, esoterically,—amongst ourselves—we know the "philanthropy" and the "gratitude" to be very much of a *sham*, but we do not tell the public so. It is perfectly natural, therefore, for Guardians and Commissioners to repudiate fair and adequate remuneration to their medical employés. How can we expect that that which we hold as a marketable commodity, and value at *minus*, should be estimated by the purchasers at *plus*?

It is ourselves, I maintain, and not public bodies, that we have to blame for a state of matters so often imputed to the Poor-Law Commissioners. These latter, I conceive, are in many respects entitled to medical gratitude rather than reproach, for their systematic discouragement of gratuitous service. This is a question which it is high time to have well understood.

I am your obedient Servant,
SCRUTATOR.

Manchester, August 13, 1847.

Medical Intelligence.

APPOINTMENT.

Holmes Coote, Esq., Surgeon to the North London Ophthalmic Hospital, has been appointed Assistant-Surgeon to Bridewell Hospital, in the room of Mr. J. F. Crookes, resigned.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Friday, August 6, 1847:—A. Jubb; J. Ralph; W. Thompson; W. D. Wilkes; R. E. West; J. Ingman; J. Willan; J. C. Nicholls; J. Mc. C. Blizard; D. De L. Ryan; J. T. Knipe.

Gentlemen admitted Monday, August 9, 1847:—H. J. W. Welsh; W. A. Duncan; C. G. Brown; C. Thompson; G. Hother; R. C. Scott; D. W. Williams; T. P. Heslop; S. J. A. Salter; W. H. Edwards.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Friday, August 13, 1847:—A. Godfray; J. Rose; R. Muriel; G. T. Yelloly; A. Williams.

The following gentlemen were admitted Fellows of the College on Thursday, August 12th:—Robert Woolaston, Conduit Street, West, Hyde Park; William Henry Smith, Fonthill Place, Clapham Road; James Williams, Dalston Terrace, Dalston; Bernard Wight Holt, Abingdon Street, Westminster, Assistant-surgeon to the Westminster Hospital; Alfred Poland, Cloak Lane, City; William Fisher, Kendal; and Athol Archibald Wood Johnson, Suffolk Place, Pall Mall, East.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted Licentiates, Thursday, August 5th:—George Winter Rhodes, Huddersfield; Jabez Harwood, Sheffield; Edward Nason, Nuneaton; John Edward Ellerton, Aberford; John Waddington Hubbard, Leicester; Walter Dowley Eddowes, Loughborough; William Daniell Michell, Truro; Henry Axford Mantell, Farringdon.

OBITUARY.

Died, July 25th, at Handsworth, Francis Burdett Moffatt, M.D.

July 26th, aged 44, William Penn Foster, Esq., Surgeon, Stoke Newington.

July 28th, aged 73, John Reeve, Esq., Surgeon, of Kiuver.

Aug. 2nd, of fever, Richard Stephens, M.D.

Aug. 2nd, at Clones, of fever, James T. Hurst, M.D.

Aug. 9th, at Bath, aged 82, Joseph Kearsley, M.D., formerly Deputy-Inspector of the Ordnance Medical Department.

BOOK RECEIVED.

Quarterly Return of the Health and Mortality in 117 Districts of England, for the Quarter ending June 30th, 1847.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. L. Buckell; Scrutator; Mr. G. Hetling.