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the total, we may fairly abstract the burial-places of the Jews, and those of the Society of Friends, which are well conducted. This will give us five species of grounds, with an annual average of 2,130 burials to the acre, or an average of 426 for each. The proper number, you will remember, is 136 to the acre; in Germany, the average is only 110 burials per acre per annum. Thus, at the first glance, it is evident that our parish grave-yards are made to receive every year three times as many bodies as they ought, and four times as many as are permitted by the laws of well-regulated Continental states. The inevitable crowding of our grave-yards may be illustrated in another way. The annual mortality of the Metropolis, at a low computation, is 50,000. Now, supposing the burials to be renewed every ten years, (and this is the shortest period that should be allowed for the decomposition of the human body), 444 acres would be required, whereas we have only 209. But this is not all. There are 182 parochial grave-yards in London. Of these, only 48 are confined within the proper limit of 136 burials to the acre; the rest exhibit various degrees of saturation, from 200 up to 3,000 per acre *annually*. This is scarcely credible, but official returns confirm the truth of what I assert. In very many the annual average per acre exceeds 1,000.—*From Mr. G. A. Walker's Fourth Lecture on the Metropolitan Grave-Yards.*

USE OF CHLOROFORM.

A correspondent suggests the following queries on the use of this agent, to which he requests replies from gentlemen who have had practical experience of its effects :—

What is the best time for administering the chloroform in obstetric cases?

For how long a time may a patient be kept with safety under its influence?

At how early an age may it be administered for surgical purposes?

Medical Intelligence.

PROGRESS OF THE CHOLERA.

It is stated in the *Union Médicale* that the cholera has crossed the frontiers of Prussia, and made its appearance at Tilsit. The symptoms are, however, reported to be mild, and the occurrence of the disease altogether in this quarter seems to be of very questionable authority.

APPOINTMENTS.

James Syme, Esq., R^{ég}ius Professor of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, has been appointed Professor of Clinical Surgery at University College, London, in the room of Mr. Liston, deceased.

James Moncrieff Arnott, Esq., has been elected Examiner at the Royal College of Surgeons, in the room of Mr. Liston, deceased.

George Sayle, Esq., has been elected Surgeon to the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital, in the room of Mr. Whiting, resigned.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted Licentiates, Thursday, December 23rd, 1847 :—Frederick George Harcourt, Ipswich; Peter Knight; Augustus Grant, London; Osbert Fishlake Cundy, London; Benjamin Button, Hopton, Suffolk; Robert Stead Jones Stevens, Ely.

OBITUARY.

Died, December 18th, 1847, Abraham Jubb, Esq., F.R.C.S., Senior Surgeon to the Halifax Infirmary, and Member of the Council of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association.

December 20th, at Mountmellick, of fever, Thomas Hipwell, Esq., Surgeon.

December 21st, at Douglas, Isle of Man, aged 56, Edward Smith Graham, M.D., late Surgeon of the 4th Light Dragoons.

December 21st, Edward Walker Esq., Surgeon, Kington.

December 23rd aged 56, Thomas Pitt, Esq., Surgeon, Walsall.

December 24th, of fever, Charles Donellan, M.D., Medical Attendant to the Armadown Dispensary.

December 25th, of fever, Francis Bodkin, Esq., Apothecary to the Clifden Poor House.

December 25th, aged 47, Frederick H. Parker, Esq., Surgeon, of Portugal-street, Grosvenor-square.

December 26th, at Pangbourn, Berks, from diseased lungs, James Craig Somerville, M.D., late Anatomical Inspector for England and Scotland, aged 48 years.

December 27th, at Oranmore, of fever, E. Lambert, M.D., F.R.C.S.I.

December 27th, aged 72, Swinton M'Leod, Esq., Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals.

December 28th, of fever, George Seymour, M.D., Physician to the Killane Dispensary, Galway.

January 2nd, 1848, at Saint Mandé, aged 59, M. Jourdan, Member of the Académie de Médecine, Paris, and well known as the translator into French of several German works.

January 4th, at Southsea, aged 78, Benjamin Lara, M.D.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Discourses on Medical Education, and on the Medical Profession. By John Ware, M.D., Hersey, Professor of the Theory and Practice of Physic in the University at Cambridge, (U.S.) Boston: (U.S.) 1847. 8vo. pp. 113.

Remarks on the Conduct and Duties of Young Physicians, &c. By J. Y. Simpson, M.D., Professor of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh, &c. &c. Second Edition. Edinburgh: MacLachlan, Stewart and Co. 1848. 8vo pp. 23.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Carshalton; the National Institute of Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery; the Birmingham Pathological Society; Mr. S. W. Kidgell; Mr. E. Hoskins; Mr. A. Markwick.

The author of the case of Obstinate Constipation has omitted to send his name.