

either have directed a nonsuit, or awarded the whole amount claimed. The defence, however, necessarily broke down from the nature of the case; but unable, it would seem, to comprehend the clear and intelligible principles on which the merits of the case rested, the judge travelled out of his record, and took upon himself to estimate the value of time in a profession, with the labours and duties of which he could have but a very imperfect acquaintance. The consequence was, that, notwithstanding the evidence of a competent witness to the very point, he allowed himself to act upon a partial and ill-founded opinion of what is right between man and man, and ingeniously, as a lawyer, if not equitably, as a judge, thought to adjust the doubts of his own creation, by simply splitting the difference!]

Medical Intelligence.

GENERAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Queen has been pleased to constitute and appoint Anthony Ashley Cooper, commonly called Lord Ashley, and Edwin Chadwick, Esq., C.B., to be members of the General Board of Health.

THE CHOLERA.

Dr. Sutherland, of Liverpool, and Mr. Grainger, have been sent by Government to Hull, to investigate certain fatal cases, reported to be cases of cholera. They are to proceed thence to the Continent before they make their report. The following order in Council appeared in Friday night's *Gazette* :—

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 28th day of September, 1848, by the Lords of her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council—Whereas by an act, passed in the last session of parliament, intituled "An Act to renew and amend an Act of the tenth year of her present Majesty, for the more speedy removal of certain nuisances, and the prevention of contagious and epidemic diseases," after reciting, that it is expedient that when any part of the United Kingdom shall appear to be threatened with or affected by any formidable epidemic, endemic, or contagious disease, measures of precaution should be taken with promptitude, according to the exigency of the case, it is enacted, that, in Great Britain, the Lords and others of her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, or any three or more of them, (the Lord President of the Council, or one of her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, being one,) may, by order or orders, to be by them from time to time made, direct, that the provisions in the said act contained for the prevention of epidemic, endemic, and contagious diseases be put in force in Great Britain, or in such parts thereof, or in such places therein respectively, as in such order or orders respectively may be expressed, and may, from time to time, as to all or any of the parts or places to which any such order or orders may extend, and in like manner, revoke or renew any such order, subject to revocation and renewal as aforesaid, every such order shall be in force for six

calendar months, or for such shorter period as in such order shall be expressed :

And whereas the United Kingdom appears to be threatened with a formidable epidemic disease, in consequence of the progressive advance of such a disease to the western portion of the Continent of Europe, and a case has arisen for putting in force the provisions of the said act :

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered by the Lords and others of her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, (of whom the Right Honourable Viscount Palmerston, one of her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is one,) in pursuance and exercise of the powers so vested in them as aforesaid, that the provisions contained in the said herein-before-recited act, for the prevention of epidemic, endemic, and contagious diseases, be put in force throughout the whole of Great Britain immediately from and after the date of this order.

And it is further ordered, that this order shall continue in force for six calendar months, from and after the date hereof.

C. C. GREVILLE.

APPOINTMENTS.

Joseph Noble, M.D., of Dunwich Hall, and John Barclay, M.D., have been elected Physicians to the Leicester Infirmary; Dr. Noble in the room of Dr. Freer, resigned, and Dr. Barclay, in consequence of a resolution to increase the Medical Staff of the Institution to three physicians and three surgeons.

OBITUARY.

Died, August 20th, at Malta, W. C. Watt, M.D., Deputy Inspector of Hospitals and Fleets.

September 3rd, at Chester, John Edward O'Reilly, M.D., of Trinity College, Dublin.

September 4th, at Clifton, aged 82, Robert Lindoe, M.D.

September 10th, at Stonehouse, aged 60, Thomas Millar, Esq., Deputy Inspector of Hospitals and Fleets, and Surgeon of the Plymouth Division of Royal Marines.

September 13th, at Balgarvie House, Fife, David Dyce, Esq., Surgeon to the 48th Regiment.

September 16th, at Beckenham, aged 49, William Merrick, Esq., Surgeon.

September 17th, at Sleaforth, Lincolnshire, Thomas Jacobson, Esq., Surgeon.

September 18th, at Liverpool, aged 74, John Callan, Esq., Surgeon, R.N.

September 22nd, at Staines, aged 69, John Winstone, M.D., late of Charter House Square, London.

Lately, at Edinburgh, William Campbell, M.D., author of several works on Obstetric Medicine.

ERRATUM.

Page 532, column 1, line 19 from the bottom, for "1832 and 1833," read 1842 and 1843.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. T. W. Crosse; Mr. W. Jackson; Mr. Skevington; Dr. R. L. Williams; Dr. M. Duncan; Mr. J. W. Beaumont; Mr. G. Ross.