proceeded, which I presume to be the uterus, gradually lessened, but was seemingly attached to the walls of the abdomen.

16th. Discharge of matter per vaginam ceased, though still great from the external opening in the abdomen. The space in the integuments continued filling up with healthy granulations. From this time to November 17th, 1848, she continued to improve, on which day all discharge had discontinued, and the wound healed, leaving a large puckered cicatrix. Underneath, seemingly attached to the walls of the abdomen, was a hard substance, of the proportion of a middle-sized lemon. She is now, with the aid of a suspensory bandage, able to get about and attend to her family.—Lancet, May 19.

## Medical Intelligence.

#### COD-LIVER OIL IN PHTHISIS.

From the small number of communications received by Dr. Ranking on the subject of his inquiries respecting the value of cod-liver oil in phthisis, he supposes either that its use is not general among the members of the Association, or that the cases in which it has been given have not been registered with sufficient accuracy to justify reporting. Dr. Ranking therefore respectfully requests, that those members who may be disposed to assist him in his inquiries, will make observations on six cases each of consumption, as they present themselves, noting as accurately as their engagements will allow the following circumstances:—

- 1. Age.
- 2. Sex.
- Hereditary history in reference to phthisis or scrofula.
- 4. Stage of the disease as indicated by the physical signs.
  - 5. Paternal symptoms.
  - 6. Presence or absence of hæmoptysis.
  - 7. Dose, quality, and mode of exhibition of the oil.
  - 8. Effects-good, bad, or negative.
  - 9. General observations.

## POISONING BY LOBELIA INFLATA.

This powerful medicine is still extensively employed by quacks, and we are informed that, from the injudicious use of it, a person who had placed himself under the hands of a herb doctor in the north of England has lately lost his life. At the inquest, it was proved by two medical witnesses that the deceased had died from the effects of the lobelia inflata. A verdict of manslaughter was returned against the quack.

## ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Friday, May 25th, 1849:—G. E. Williams; S. Wade; H. B. Tate; R. Donaldson; J. B. Ruck: J. D. Hulme; H. Tapley; C. G. Wheelhouse; C. J. Bullock; T. Johnson.

#### SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted Members Tuesday, May 31st, 1849:—Thomas Bryant, Kennington Common; Wm. Cater, Northwold, Norfolk; Charles James Shearman, Rotherham; George Hulme Beaman, King Street, Covent Garden.

#### OBITUARY.

Died, May 30th, at the residence of his friend, Spencer Freeman, Esq., Stowmarket, William Copperthwaite Clough, Esq., Surgeon, aged 40.

Lately, at the Parsonage, Poynton, Cheshire, Joseph Bellott, Esq., aged 82, Consulting Surgeon to the Stockport Infirmary.

#### BOOKS RECEIVED.

Objections to the Indiscriminate Administration of Anæsthetic Agents in Midwifery. By W. F. Montgomery, A.M., M.D., M.R.I.A., Professor of Midwifery to the King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ircland. Dublin: Hodges and Smith.

The American Journal of the Medical Sciences. Edited by Isaac Hays, M.D. No. 34. April, 1849. Lea and Blanchard, Philadelphia. 8vo pp. 280.

An account of the Origin, Spread, and Decline of Epidemic Fevers, of Sierra Leone, with Observations on Sir William Pym's Review of the "Report on the Climate and Diseases of the African Station. By Alexander Bryson, M.D., R.N. London: Henry Renshaw. 1849. 8vo pp. 174.

A Practical Treatise on Inflammation of the Uterus and its Appendages, and on Ulceration and Induration of the Nock of the Uterus. By James Henry Bennett, M.D., Member of the Royal College of Physicians, Physician Accoucheur to the Western General Dispensary, formerly House Physician (by Concours) to the Hospitals of St. Louis, Notre Dame, De La Pitié, and La Salpetriere, Paris. Second Edition, greatly enlarged. London: Churchill. 1849. 8vo pp. 528.

The Medical Examiner and Record of Medical Science. Edited by F. G. Smith, M.D., and David H. Tucker, M.D. New Series. Vol. 5. Nos. 2, 3, and 4. Philadelphia: Lindsay and Blakiston. 1849. 8vo. pp. 80.

London Journal of Medicine—a Monthly Record of the Medical Sciences. No. 6. June, 1849. London: Taylor, Walton, and Maberly. 8vo pp. 100.

Pertraits of Diseases of the Scalp, with the Safest and most Efficient Modes of Treatment. By Walter Cooper Dendy, Senior Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary for Children, &c. London: Highley, Fleet Street. 1849.

The American Journal and Library of Dental Science, Vol. 9, No. 2, published under the auspices of the American Society of Dental Surgeons. Editors: C. A. & Harris, M.D., D.D.L.; Amos Westcott, M.D., D.D.L.; Wm. H. Durnelle, D.D.L. Baltimore: Armstrong, and Berry. 8vo pp. 154.

The British Record of Obstetric Medicine, Surgery, and Diseases of Women and Children. By Charles Clay, M.D., Manchester.

Ansesthesia: or the Employment of Chloroform and Æther in Surgery and Midwifery, &c. By J. Y. Simpson, M.D., F.R.S.E., &c. Philadelphia.

Proceedings of the Westminster Medical Society. Session 1848-49. 8vo, pp. 16.

Examination of the President and Examiners of the

Royal College of Physicians of London, and of the Medical and Surgical Corporate Bodies of the United Kingdom, with an Analysis of the Evidence given before the Select Committee of the House of Commons, and suggestions for an Improved System of Medical Government. By Edwards Crisp, M.D., M.R.C.S., L.A.C. London: Wilson. 1849. 8vo, pp. 58.

Monthly Journal and Retrospect of the Medical Sciences. London Editor—G. E. Day, Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, London. Edinburgh Editors—Alex Fleming, M.D., W. T. Gairdner, M.D. June, 1849. No. 36. New series. Sutherland and Knox, Edinburgh; Churchill, London. 8vo, pp. 96.

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# PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Gentlemen who have not yet paid their subscription for the current year, or who are in arrears, are requested immediately to forward the amount due to the Secretary or Treasurer of the Association, as the accounts are now about to be made up for the Annual Meeting.

\*\* As the list of Members is about to be published in the next Volume of the "Transactions," gentlemen whose addresses are not correctly stated in the last volume, are requested to forward the alteration immediately to the publishers, Deighton and Co., Worcester.

J. P. SHEPPARD,

Secretary to the Association pro tem.

TAUNTON AND SOMERSET BRANCH MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Members of this Branch will be held at Pattison's Castle Hotel, Taunton, this day (Wednesday,) the 13th of June. G. Brock, M.D., President; H. Alford, Esq., F.R.C.S.E., President-elect. The Chair will be taken at 2 p.m.

FRANCIS HENRY WOODFORDE, M.D.,

Honorary Secretary.

Taunton, May 26, 1849.

#### SUFFOLK BRANCH MEETING.

The Anniversary Meeting of the above branch of the Association will be held at Hadleigh, on Friday, the 15th of June.

Members of Council will meet at the residence of the President Elect, John Growse, Esq., at one o'cleck, and the chair will be taken at the general meeting, at two o'clock precisely.

Those members who cannot attend will oblige me by forwarding any communication they may wish to be brought before the meeting. Short papers or interesting cases will be acceptable. Dinner at five o'clock.

The contiguity of Hadleigh to the county of Essex will, we trust, be taken advantage of by members of the Association, or their friends, residing in that county.

C. R. BREE, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH MEETING.

The annual assemblage of the members of this branch will take place at the Town Hall, at Brighton, on Wednesday, the 27th instant, at one o'clock precisely,

ISAAC HARGRAVES, Esq., President, Dr. JENKS, President Elect.

When the business of the meeting is concluded, the members will dine together. The charge for a cold dinner, beer, dessert, coffee, and waiters, will be five shillings. Wine a separate charge.

As a visit to Brighton may be very agreeable to many distant members of the Association, who are not members of this Branch, the Committee will be happy to see those gentlemen to whom it may be convenient to join with them in the proceedings.

There will be a breakfast party at the Royal York Hotel, at the charge of half-a-crown, at from nine to half-past ten o'clock on the morning of the 27th, and again on the following morning.

THOMAS MARTIN, Secretary, Reigate.

## YORKSHIRE BRANCH MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of this Branch will be held at the Museum of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society, York, on Thursday, the 28th instant, at twelve o'clock.

W. D. HUSBAND, Hon. Sec.

York, June 8, 1849.

## ERRATA.

In consequence of the severe illness of the Editor, the following errata occurred in the last number of the Journal.

Page 293, in title of Mr. West's paper, for "coma," read "insomnia."

Page 300, col. 2, line 9 from the bottom, for "presented" read "prescribed." Page 301, col. 1, line 20, for "existed" read "exists."

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. Smith; Mr. Crompton; Dr. E. Copeman; Mr. Humpage; Dr. Kennion; Dr. Toogood.

In consequence of the lamented death of Dr. Streeten, it is requested that all letters and communications be sent to J. H. Walsh, Esq., Foregate Street, Worcester. Parcels and books for review may be addressed to the care of Mr. Churchill, Princes Street, Soho.