

proper education, and satisfactory licence; and the trade of a druggist is, as it should be, confined to the wholesale vending of medicines to apothecaries. England might and ought to take a wholesome lesson from this well-ordered condition of the present state of pharmacy in the Austrian States." I do not apprehend that such stringent regulations would be recommended or tolerated in this country, yet all who give this important subject due consideration must admit that some restraint is necessary.

I remain, my dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN TOOGOOD.

Park Crescent, Torquay,
June 7, 1849.

Medical Intelligence.

DEATH OF WILLIAM CLIFT, ESQ., F.R.S.

This gentleman, so long and so deservedly well known to the medical profession and the public generally, expired at his residence, Stanhope Cottage, Hampstead Road, on Wednesday, the 20th instant., in the seventy-eighth year of his age. Mr. Clift had held the post of Conservator of the Hunterian Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons for nearly half a century, having been appointed to that office on the purchase of the Collection, by Government, of the executors of John Hunter, whose apprentice and assistant he was for many years, and also a fellow labourer in the formation of that magnificent monument of the genius of his immortal master. Mr. Clift was a Fellow of the Royal Society, and was greatly esteemed by the present and former distinguished savans of that body, particularly the late Sir Joseph Banks, Dr. Wollaston, and Sir Humphry Davy; indeed, so highly did the latter gentleman appreciate Mr. Clift's value, that he used his influence to admit Mr. Clift a Fellow before the increase of the new expensive admission fees, this gentleman being the last admitted on the old scale.—*Lancet*.

DEATH OF RICHARD CARMICHAEL, ESQ., OF DUBLIN.

We regret having to announce the death of this gentleman, by accidental drowning. It appears that the lamented gentleman was proceeding on horseback to his country residence, at Sutton, near Howth, and on arriving at a part of the strand where a stream or inlet of the sea flowed in over the sandy beach, he asked some persons who were at hand if it would be safe to cross there, and being answered in the affirmative, he ventured across, but when more than half way the horse got out of his depth, and after swimming for a little, leaned over, and fell on his side, when the rider lost his seat, and became submerged in the tide. He has left a widow, but no family. He has bequeathed £4,500 to be added to the Medical Benevolent Fund, in addition to £500 given during his life-time; £5,000 in all. To the College of Surgeons he has left £3,000, the interest to be applied to the foundation of prizes

for essays on specified subjects. To the Richmond Medical School he has also left £2,000 the interest to be distributed annually in prizes amongst the students who distinguish themselves; and also £8,000 to be applied in the purchase of ground and erection of buildings.—*Dublin Medical Press, &c.*

THE CHOLERA.

Forty-two cases of this disease are reported in London during the past week, and they appear most of them to be attributed to bad drainage in the neighbourhoods where they occurred, or to want of cleanliness in the houses. An inquest was held on Tuesday on the body of a woman sixty-five years of age, who resided in Griffith's Rents, Bermondsey-street, and who died of cholera after about twenty-four hours' illness. These Rents consist of eleven or twelve houses, and, according to the surgeon's testimony, are only fit to be pulled down. At the backs of the houses are foul drains, overflowing into the yard, the stench from them being very bad. The Inspector of Nuisances had reported the state of the place to the Board of Health, but nothing up to the present time has been done. The medical officer also said at the inquest that this spot is quite a focus of fever. In the provinces the disease is again on the decline. Favourable accounts also are received from Ireland. At Rennes the mortality has been great from cholera. It has also broken out in Silesia, at Vienna, Presburg, Cairo, and Alexandria. In Holland it is on the increase; and, in America, it is spreading with fearful rapidity. In Paris the epidemic is on the decrease, as will be perceived by the following figures:—

June.	Cases.	Deaths in hospitals & asylums.	Deaths in private life.
15	114	97	108
16	86	72	—
17	80	77	—

The returns from the military hospitals are wanting. The total amount is, up to June 17th, for civil and military hospitals and asylums, 11,680 cases, 5951 deaths, and 3639 recoveries. We learn likewise, from a return in *L'Union Médicale*, that the number of deaths for the country, up to the 18th of June, is 18,961 deaths from cholera.

APPOINTMENT.

Dr. Brown, for eight years Physician to the Stanford Infirmary, was lately elected Physician to the Sussex County Hospital by a majority of seventy-four, after the severest contest ever known in Brighton.

TESTIMONIAL TO DR. BIGNELL, OF BARNSTAPLE.

In acknowledgment of his services to the poor of the town and neighbourhood, as physician and principal manager of the Barnstaple and North Devon Dispensary, since its formation in 1832, £50, collected from his friends, in subscriptions limited to 10s. 6d. each, have lately been spent in the purchase of a silver salver and other plate, which were publicly presented to the doctor, in the past month of May.—*Lancet*.

COLLEGE PRIZES.

The Collegial Anatomical Prize, founded by the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons for the best dissertation on a given subject, has been awarded to Mr. Henry Gray, of Wilton Street, Grosvenor Place, a member of the College, and Demonstrator of Anatomy at St. George's Hospital Medical School, for his Essay on "The Origin, Connection, and Distribution of the Nerves of the Human Eye and its Appendages; illustrated by Comparative Dissections of the Eye in the other Vertebrate Animals." And an Extraordinary Premium of Fifty Guineas has been awarded to Mr. Alfred Poland, of Cloak Lane, City, a Fellow of the College, and Demonstrator of Anatomy at Guy's Hospital Medical School, for his Dissertation on the same subject. *The Jacksonian Prize*, for the best Dissertation on "Diseases of the Mammary Gland, Male and Female, and the Treatment thereof," has been awarded to Mr. John Birkett, of Broad Street Buildings, a Fellow of the College, and Assistant-Surgeon to Guy's Hospital.—*Medical Times*.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Friday, June 15th, 1849:—W. Royston Bayldon, Yorkshire; Thos. Carlyle Beatty, Easington, Durham; Thomas James Dunne, Haslar Hospital, Gosport; Alexander Scott Fogo, Dublin; George Samuel Garrard, Tasmania; Horace Crofts Hastings, Turnham Green; Joseph Luke, London; John Denis Macdonald, Berners Street, Oxford Street; Thomas O'Reilly, Virginia, Ireland; George Parker, Brightlingsea, Essex; Samuel Wallace, Carshalton, Surrey; John Wilson, Lower Thames Street.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted Licentiates on Thursday, June 7th, 1849:—Thomas Carlyle Beatty, Easington, Durham; William Frederick Dix, Long Buckby, Northamptonshire; Geo. Evans, Northover, Somersetshire; Charles Christopher Hayman, Axminster, Devon; Thomas Sutton Ludlow, Leire, Leicestershire; James Gilbert Martin, Camelford, Cornwall; Samuel Standidge Shackles, Hull, Yorkshire.

Gentlemen admitted Licentiates on Thursday, June 14th, 1849:—George Chatfield; George Thomas Jones, Winthall; Edward Edwards Phippen, Wedmore, Somerset; Alfred Puddicombe, Moreton Lampstead, Devon.

OBITUARY.

Died, February 22nd, at the Parsonage, Poynton, Cheshire, Joseph Bellott, Esq., aged 82, Consulting Surgeon to the Stockport Infirmary, House-Surgeon to the Westminster Hospital, London, 1787.

At Penshurst, Kent, on the 3rd instant, in the 49th year of his age, John Pickance, Esq., surgeon, sincerely and deeply regretted.

Lately, at Stockton, Mr. Johnson, surgeon, of Appleton-on-Wisk, late Apothecary of the Stockton Dispensary.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Report of the Committee of Visitors of the Bedford Lunatic Asylum, to 31st December, 1848. pp. 48.

Thoughts on Pulmonary Consumption. By William Henry Madden, M.D. London: John Churchill. 1849. 8vo pp. 220.

The Laws of Periodic Growth and Development considered with reference to Hygienic, Moral and Intellectual Education. By Lieut. J. A. Walker, HP. 34th Regt. London: Simpkin, Marshall, and Co.

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.

J. P. SHEPPARD,

Secretary to the Association *pro tem*.

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.

NEWTON BRANCH MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Newton Branch of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association will be held at the Albion Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester, (opposite the Royal Infirmary) on Thursday, the 28th day of June instant.

Robert Thorpe, Esq., surgeon, of Manchester, in the Chair. The Council will assemble at eleven o'clock, and the Members generally at twelve.

Dinner will be provided at three o'clock. Tickets, including dessert, &c., but exclusive of wine, 7s. 6d. each. The attendance of Members is particularly requested, as the report of the Committee appointed at the last Annual Meeting to revise the Rules, will be brought forward.

Members or friends who intend to dine with the Association, must signify their intention to the Manchester Secretary, Mr. Hatton, 114, Oxford Street, on or before Monday, the 25th instant.

JOHN HATTON, Surgeon, Manchester, } General
G. C. WATSON, M.D., Liverpool. } Secs.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. Nunn; Mr. Humphry; Mr. Alford; Dr. Durrant; Mr. Jeaffreson; Dr. Bedingfield; Mr. Ross. 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.