

Mr. Nunneley's announcement. I then pointed out to Dr. Hobson, the predominating properties which Mr. Nunneley has ascribed to this agent, as the accompanying letter proves.

I need not to enter into an elaborate detail of its composition or characters, as Mr. Nunneley has with his usual talent and ability there depicted. As respects myself, however, I beg to hand you the letter from Dr. Hobson, in confirmation of what I have advanced. This I shall be obliged by your inserting along with mine in your next Journal; and I may add, that if Mr. Nunneley's publication had not made its appearance at the time it did, I should have called your attention to the point in question in a few days, with an elaborate detail.

I remain, Sir,

Yours obliged and respectfully,

RICHARD OASTLER JOHNSTONE.

Willow Cottage, Bramley,
Feb. 28, 1849.

[It is scarcely necessary for us to observe, that Dr. Hobson's letter fully confirms Mr. Johnston's statement.—ED.]

Medical Intelligence.

LIGHT COAL-NAPHTHA AS AN ANÆSTHETIC.

We are informed by Professor Simpson that he has of late been using "Light Coal-Naphtha" as an anæsthetic, and finds it perfectly successful. It has one, but only one, advantage over chloroform—its cheapness—costing only one penny per ounce; but its savour is not by any means so agreeable.

IMPORTANT MEDICAL DECISION IN THE SMALL DEBTS' COURT.

THE MASTER AND WARDENS OF THE APOTHECARIES' COMPANY v. LOBO.

The action was instituted, we believe, at the instance of the Medical Protection Society, but the actual plaintiffs in the case were the *Master and Wardens of the Apothecaries' Company*, for the reason, that the statue under which the action was brought recognizes no other proper plaintiff. The effect of the decision is to bring the case of the penalties of unlicensed practitioners, among whom *all unlicensed practitioners, including chemists, who compound drugs upon prescriptions, whether their own or the prescriptions of unauthorized practitioners*, are included, within the jurisdiction of the Small Debts' Courts, thus rendering recoverable, at the risk of two or three pounds, penalties, all former attempts to recover which involved an expense of more than £350 upon each action. The law, therefore, which has hitherto been a dead letter, on account of the enormous expense necessary to put it in motion, will now, we have little doubt, be rigidly and universally enforced.—From the *Standard*.

APPOINTMENT.

R. Lloyd Williams, M.D., F.R.C.S., has been appointed visiting Physician to the North Wales Hospital for the Insane.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS

HARVEIAN ORATION.

Dr. Badeley, of Chelmsford, is appointed to deliver the *Harveian Oration* before the Royal College of Physicians, on the 25th of June next.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Friday, Feb. 23 :—H. Chawner; J. Nash; S. J. A. Palmer; G. F. Ree; T. Mather; J. W. W. James; E. G. Goulden; C. J. Bennetts; F. H. Orvis; G. Betts.

Friday, March 2 :—P. Allen; G. F. Gwyn; J. G. Gibbs; J. Smith; W. H. Johnson; W. R. Hayne; W. Cooke.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted Licentiates Thursday, February 15th :—William Bratt, Stratford-on-Avon; John Hall Bywater, Knottingley.

Thursday, March 1st :—James Williams, Holywell; Richard Wilson, Poulton le Fylde; Thomas Henry Newsam, Leeds.

OBITUARY.

Died, in September last, at Malta, where he was residing for the benefit of his health, James Carson, Esq., M.B., Senior Physician to the Northern Hospital, Liverpool.

January 29th, Wm. Peck, Esq., Surgeon, Kimbolton, Huntingdonshire.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Brain the Sole Centre of the Human Nervous System. By Edwin Lee, &c. (Read before the Royal Society, May, 1848.) Edinburgh. 1848. 8vo. pp. 14.

On the Dependence of Animal Motion on the Law of Gravity. By Henry Wigglesworth, M.B., Scholar in Physiology of the University of London. Part I. London: Baillien. 1849. 8vo. pp. 156.

Two Lectures on Cholera and Intermittent Fever. By Charles W. Bell, M.D., K.L.S., Physician to the Manchester Royal Infirmary, late Physician to H.M. Embassy in Persia, &c. &c. London: Churchill. 1849. pp. 101.

Synopsis of Percussion, Auscultation, and other Methods of Physical Diagnosis. By Ray Charles Golding, M.D. London: Renshaw. 1849.

Thoughts on Pulmonary Consumption; with an Appendix on the Climate of Torquay. By William Herries Madden, M.D., Physician to the Torbay Infirmary and Dispensary, &c. London: Churchill. 1849. pp. 219.

On Perforating Ulcer of the Stomach. By Edward Young, M.D., &c. London: Simpkin, Marshall and Co. 1849. 8vo. pp. 15.

Eruptions of the Face, Head, and Hands, &c. Illustrated with Coloured Plates. By T. H. Burgess, M.D., &c. London: Renshaw. 1849. 8vo. pp. 254.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Dr. Copeman; Mr. Martin; Dr. S. Edwards; Mr. Humphry; the Birmingham Pathological Society; Mr. T. B. Smithies; Dr. Oke; a Member; Mr. Humpage; Dr. Ballard; Dr. Heaton; Mr. R. O. Johnstone; Mr. Bottomley; Mr. T. W. Crosse.