

but the pupils were neither dilated nor contracted. The pulse was slow and laboured; the heart's action remarkably slow and weak; the stomach was inclined to be sick, and the ejecta bore a strong smell of creosote. When aroused, her chief complaints were of vertigo and general uneasiness in the head, as also of burning pain along the œsophageal track, and in the stomach. On inquiry, he ascertained that for the last twenty-four hours, she had been suffering severely from toothache, to relieve which she had recourse to creosote, in the application of which she had been most unsparing, and that her present symptoms had gradually supervened, increasing in intensity up to the period of his arrival.

The treatment adopted consisted of the employment of mustard emetics, sinapisms over the cardiac and epigastric regions, with copious dashings of cold water in the face; the indications being, in the writer's opinion, to remove the poisonous effects of the creosote by the exhibition of medicines that would rouse the vital energies of the patient, at the same time that it removed from the stomach any of the creosote that might have accidentally found its way there. This line of treatment was attended with the happiest results; the stupor was completely removed, and the only symptom that remained was severe pain in the stomach, which was completely relieved by the administration of an anodyne draught, and the patient recovered without any other untoward symptoms than those consequent on a slight febrile disturbance, which rapidly yielded to antimonials, followed by purgatives.

The circumstance that renders this case most interesting, is the extreme rarity of cases of poisoning by creosote, no other case that the writer is aware of having occurred, but one which unfortunately proved fatal, and the particulars of which have not been preserved. It is recorded in the *Liverpool Mercury*, and transferred thence to the columns of the *Times*, June 17, 1839, and it is referred to by Dr. Pereira, in his talented work on the *Materia Medica*. This case differs from that which is here brought forward in this particular, that a large quantity, amounting to two drachms, had been swallowed. In this case the writer attributes the injurious effects that ensued more to the prolonged inhalation of the creosote than to the actual quantity that got into the stomach; that some, however, did get into that viscus, is, in his opinion, evidenced by the great pain referred to the stomach and œsophageal track. Another interesting feature in this case, and one that might seem to give some colour to the doctrine of *similia similibus curantur*, is the presence of vomiting, creosote being so vaunted for its power in allaying that symptom. The vomiting, however, is clearly referable to the irritating effects that the creosote produced on the coats of the stomach.—*Dublin Medical Press*, March 7th.

#### MEDICAL JURISPRUDENCE.

##### NEW SIGN THAT A CHILD HAS BEEN BORN ALIVE.

Dr. Virchow has announced that the presence of uric acid in the kidney, which may be detected with the naked eye, is conclusive of a child having been born alive. His conclusions are—

1. That uric acid deposit is never found in children born dead, or who have died within forty-eight hours after birth.
2. That the deposit does not occur before forty-eight hours after birth.
3. That it is not generally found later than the twentieth day after birth.—*Medical Times*, Jan. 20th.

### Medical Intelligence.

#### TESTIMONIAL TO JOHN FOWKE, ESQ.

A gratifying instance of the estimation in which members of our profession are sometimes held by their immediate patients and friends, has recently occurred at Wolverhampton. The extraordinary sum of £1583 has been raised by subscription, and presented to Mr. John Fowke on his retirement from the duties of the General Dispensary, as a testimonial from the subscribers of "their estimation of his high medical character and abilities, and of the disinterested manner in which they have always been applied to the benefit of the community."

#### LIFE-ASSURANCE OFFICES.

##### REMUNERATION OF MEDICAL MEN FOR THEIR REPORTS.

In the list of Life-Assurance Offices which have adopted the principle of remunerating medical men, as given in a late number of the *Journal*, the Medical Legal and General Mutual Life Office, 126, Strand, London, who pay a fee of one guinea for every certificate, *whether favourable or not*, was accidentally omitted.

#### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Gentlemen admitted members Friday, April 13th:—J. A. S. Addison, R. W. Broster, G. A. Sheppard, J. B. Sheppard, J. German, T. B. Kenderdine, C. M. Smith.  
Friday, April 20th:—E. W. Mayne, J. F. Pritchard, H. E. Brameld, A. Law, W. Tidmas, J. C. Lynch, W. Tomlin, E. Younge, W. Harrison, T. O'K. Gordon, C. A. Allen, H. Briggs.

The following gentlemen, all members of the College, were admitted Fellows at the meeting of the Council on the 11th of April:—Edgar Barker, Edgware Road, (diploma dated March 5th, 1824); Henry Butler, Hobart Town, Van Dieman's Land, (July 28th, 1843); William Henry Colborne, Chippenham, (July 17th, 1846); John Cooper Forster, Wellington Street, Southwark, (November 15th, 1844); John Havers, Bedford Place, Russell Square, (December 15th, 1837); Thomas Brooks Larkins, Hon. East India Company's Bombay Service, (December 23rd, 1836); and Arthur Sarjeant, Meriden, Warwickshire, (Nov. 19th, 1841.)

#### SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted Licentiates Thursday, April 12th, 1849:—Edward Batt, Witney, Oxon; Henry William Borlase, Helston; Herbert Brown, Tonbridge;

John Davis, Wreckenton; Francis Edward Goldsmith, Boston; Griffith Hooper Griffiths, Cheltenham; John Robinson, Midhurst; Arthur Rudge, Fakenham; James Cummin Toshack, South Shields; Charles Augustus West, Camelford, Cornwall.

Gentlemen admitted Licentiates Thursday, April 19th, 1849:—James William Crow, Gorleston, Suffolk; John Clarke, Greenham, Berks; Frederick Duke, Hastings; Philip William Govett, Plymouth; John Higginbottom, jun., Nottingham; Thomas Hutchinson, Camborne, Cornwall; James Newnham, Lyme Regis; William Matthew Sheppard, Fulham; Isaac Tucker, Westbury, Leigh; David Morris Thomas, Cwmaman, Carmarthen; Edmund Whitaker, Bacup, Lancashire; Thomas John Warburton, Betley, Staffordshire.

### OBITUARY.

Died, January 17th, at Graham's Town, Cape of Good Hope, in his 34th year, Edward Russ, Esq., surgeon, late of Castle Cary, Somerset.

April 10th, at Nuneaton, in the 79th year of his age, John Bond, Esq., surgeon.

April 22nd, at Delph Cottage, Cheshire, aged 61, Brereton Nightingall, Esq., formerly resident surgeon of the Liverpool Fever Hospital and Workhouse.

April 23rd, W. Warden, M.D., surgeon to Her Majesty's Dock Yard, Chatham, in his 72nd year.

Lately, Dr. George Gardener, Superintendent of the Botanic Garden, Peradenia, Kandy, Ceylon.

### BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Dependancies of Animal Motion on the Law of Gravity. By Henry Wigglesworth, M.B., &c. Part II. London: Bailliere. 1849. 8vo. pp. 210.

Lectures on the Causes and Treatment of Ulcers of the Lower Extremity, delivered at the London Hospital, during the Summer of 1848. By George Critchett, Esq., F.R.C.S., Surgeon to the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, &c. London: Churchill. 1849. 8vo. pp. 121.

Parturition, and the Principles and Practice of Obstetrics. By W. Tyler Smith, M.D., Lond., Lecturer on Obstetrics in the Hunterian School of Medicine. London: Churchill. 1849. Fcap. 8vo., pp. 395.

A Short Sketch of the Life and Writings of the late Joseph Clarke, Esq., M.D., Vice-President of the Royal Irish Academy, and formerly Master of the Dublin Lying-in-Hospital, &c. &c. By Robert Collins, M.D., President of the King's and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland, formerly Master of the Dublin Lying-in-Hospital, &c. &c. London: Longman. 1849. 8vo. pp. 88.

Anæmia, and its Consequences: Enlargement of the Thyroid Gland and Eyeballs. By James Begbie, M.D., F.R.S.E., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, and Vice-President of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Edinburgh. (Read to the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Edinburgh, 3rd January, 1849.) Edinburgh: Sutherland and Knox. 1849. 8vo. pp. 15.

Questions and Observations in Hygiene, &c. By F. James Brown, M.D., Lond., &c., Assistant Surgeon R. N. London: Churchill. 1849. pp. 64.

Report of the Epidemic Cholera, as it has appeared in the territories subject to the Presidency of Fort St.

George. By William Scott, Surgeon, &c. Edinburgh: Blackwood; London: Murray. 1849. 8vo. pp. 212. Map.

Practical Observations on the Prevention, Causes, and Treatment of Curvatures of the Spine, &c. By Samuel Hare, surgeon. Third edition. London: Churchill. 1849. 8vo. pp. 245. Plates.

A Practical Treatise on Morbus Coxarius, or Hip-Joint Disease, &c. By William C. Hugman, M.R.C.S., Surgeon to the Verral Institution for the Treatment of Spinal Diseases and Distortions, &c. London: Highley. 1849. 8vo. pp. 81. Plates.

Proceedings of the Westminster Medical Society Session. 1848-49. 8vo. pp. 20.

Hints on Obstetric Practice, with Illustrations. By John Brenner, surgeon, Newtyle. Part I. Edinburgh: Maclachlan and Stewart. 1849. 8vo. pp. 98.

On Healthy and Diseased Structure, and the true Principle of Treatment for the Cure of Disease, especially Consumption and Scrofula, founded on Microscopical Analysis. By William Addison, M.D., F.R.S., Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians. London: Churchill. 1849. 8vo. pp. 320.

The Medical Remembrancer, &c. By Edward B. L. Shaw, M.R.C.S., and L.A.S. Third edition. London: Churchill. 1849. pp. 108.

Lectures on the Parts concerned in the Operations of the Eye, and on the Structure of the Retina, &c. By William Bowman, F.R.S., F.R.C.S.E., &c. London: Longman. 1849. 8vo. pp. 143. Illustrations.

### PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

#### ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

The Anniversary Meeting of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association is appointed to be held at Worcester, on Wednesday, August 1st, and Thursday, August 2nd, when Chas. Hastings, M.D., of Worcester, will preside.

#### 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, either to the Treasurer or Secretary of the Association, as the accounts are now about to be made up for the Annual Meeting.

ROBERT J. N. STREETEN,

Secretary.

### ERRATUM.

Page 206, col. 2, line 24, for "I should think it desirable to bleed," read "I should think it not desirable, &c."

### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. H. Williams; Mr. Humpage; Mr. F. S. Garlick; Dr. Copeman; Æsculapius; Mr. Colthurst; Mr. Bartrum; Mr. G. Edwards; Mr. Markwick; Dr. Banks; Mr. Freer; Mr. Swayne; Mr. Wilton; Mr. Cornish; Dr. Simpson; Mr. Kelson.