

present session will not be allowed to pass without the adjustment of the difficulties agitating the profession, but if a little more gentlemanly feeling existed, harmony would begin to prevail, and the matter would soon be brought to a satisfactory and final close.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

L.A.C.

*Analysis of the "Provincial Medical Directory."*

In practice before 1815, many being members of the College of Surgeons, surgeons in the army or navy, or in the possession of other qualifications	613
Licentiates of the Society of Apothecaries, many being in the possession of Scotch or other qualifications, in addition to their certificate	1004
Fellows and Members of the College of Surgeons, many being in possession of other qualifications, but not having the certificate of the Apothecaries	1072
Members of the College of Surgeons, and Licentiates of the Society of Apothecaries, some of them being in the possession of other qualifications	3634
Members of the College of Physicians, or of the Universities of London, Oxford, or Cambridge	141
Members of the University of Edinburgh, some of them possessing other qualifications, but no diploma or license from any English Institution	334
Licentiates of the College of Surgeons, Edinburgh	110
Members of the University of Glasgow	52
Members of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow	26
Members of the University of Aberdeen, one practising in 1815	4
Members of the University of St. Andrews, one having been an army-surgeon, and another practising in 1815	5
Practitioners in possession of Irish qualifications	23
Practitioners in possession of foreign qualifications only	12
Practitioners in the qualified list, but no qualification annexed	25
Total qualified	7055
Unlicensed practitioners	1488
Total	8543

## Medical Intelligence.

### CREWKERNE AND YEOVIL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

At a general meeting of medical gentlemen held at Crewkerne, December 4th, 1850, William Tomkins, M.D., in the chair, it was proposed by Dr. Sydenham,—"That a Medical Association be formed in the neighbourhood, to be called the 'Crewkerne and Yeovil

District Medical Association,' and that it commence its operations January 1st, 1851."

Proposed by Joseph Wills, Esq.,—"That the object of this Association be to promote unanimity and friendly communication among the members of the medical profession, and to advance its interests by the diffusion of information and the suppression of illegal practice."

Proposed by F. A. Hansard, Esq.,—"That this Society consist of a President, (to be annually chosen), Honorary Secretary, and ordinary members, any number of whom, being not less than three, shall form a committee for general or special purposes, to act when summoned by the Honorary Secretary."

Proposed by G. F. Wills, Esq.,—"That stamped periodicals, viz., the *Lancet*, *Medical Gazette*, and *Medical Times*, be circulated among the members, until the first general meeting shall determine whether a book society for the circulation of standard works shall be established."

Proposed by John Webber, Esq.,—"That an annual subscription of ten shillings be paid in advance by each member."

Proposed by G. S. Jolliffe, Esq.,—"That two general meetings be annually held, in April and September, alternately at Yeovil and Crewkerne, or at any other place which may be determined by the Committee."

Proposed by Joseph Wills, Esq.,—"That Dr. Tomkins be President for the first year."

Proposed by F. A. Hansard, Esq.,—"That Mr. G. F. Wills be the Honorary Secretary."

Proposed by H. Norris, Esq.,—"That the President, Honorary Secretary, Mr. Hansard, Mr. G. S. Jolliffe, Mr. H. Norris, and Dr. Sydenham form a Committee for the purpose of framing bye-laws, &c."

Proposed by G. F. Wills, Esq.,—"That this meeting are persuaded that much good may be derived from this Association, and hereby request the approval and cordial co-operation of all the medical practitioners in this neighbourhood, in their endeavour to support the dignity of their profession, both in public and in private, to correct abuses, and more especially to take active measures for the suppression of all unqualified practitioners."

Proposed by E. Bowdage, Esq.,—"That this meeting be adjourned to the 17th inst., at 5 o'clock, P.M., to the house of Mr. G. F. Wills, Crewkerne, for the purpose of approving bye-laws and enrolling members."

All which resolutions were carried unanimously.

WM. TOMKINS, Chairman.

Proposed by Hugh Norris, Esq., and seconded by Joseph Wills, Esq., and carried *nem con.*,—"That the thanks of this meeting be given to Dr. Tomkins for his kindness in presiding in so efficient a manner.

G. F. WILLS, Honorary Secretary.

Crewkerne, December 6, 1850.

### BIRKENHEAD COUNTY COURT.

MACDOUGAL v. MARTIN.—On Friday last a case was tried before J. W. Harden, Esq., involving points of material importance to the Medical Profession as well

as to the public. The plaintiff was Mr. Macdougall, lately house-surgeon to the Liverpool workhouse and fever hospital, but now of the infirmary and hospital of Birkenhead, and Mr. Thomas Martin, pilot of boat No. 10, the defendant. The court was crowded during the trial, which lasted nearly the whole of the day. Mr. Thorburne, barrister, conducted the plaintiff's case. Mr. Pemberton appeared for the defendant. The action was brought to enforce payment of a surgeon's bill arising out of attendance, &c., on the defendant's wife. It was proved that the deceased woman had laboured under a complication of afflictions. The patient had been attended by the plaintiff during her illness, and, aware of the danger she was in, had called in Mr. Dixon and Dr. Bickersteth, of Liverpool, for consultation. These gentlemen did all that their united skill and experience could devise, but it appeared that the mother of the deceased was dissatisfied, and dismissed the plaintiff and Mr. Dixon, after which she called in another surgeon who attended her till her death, which took place in three or four days. The claim was resisted on the ground that deceased had not been properly attended to. The plaintiff was also called upon to produce his diploma. Mr. Thorburne denounced the defence as more than vexatious. He objected to any man being called upon to produce his diploma, contending that it of itself was no evidence, and could not be judiciously noticed, as it might have been stolen, or lent, or procured through the personation of another party undergoing examination before the college granting the certificate. A man's oath that he was duly qualified was evidence, but not the mere possession of a diploma. The handwriting of the examiners and the seal would require to be proved; also the identity of the person purporting to have received it. Mr. Pemberton contended for the production of the document, but the judge ruled that it was not evidence, and that the burden of disproof that a plaintiff had not a diploma, lay upon the defendant. Considerable interest was manifested during the investigation, which was heightened by the repeated "scenes" which took place between the counsel—every inch of ground being disputed on matters of law and evidence. Mr. Dixon and Dr. Bickersteth had certified their approval of the treatment, but their documents to that effect were not received. Subsequently Mr. Dixon came into court, and gave his evidence at great length. After hearing Mr. Thorburne's reply, his Honour said the case was so important that he should take time for consideration, and reserve judgment till next court day.

#### MORTALITY IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF LONDON.

In the week ending Jan. 25, 88 persons have died in Workhouses—44 males and 44 females; in Military and Naval Asylums, 4 males; in General Hospitals, 46—21 males and 25 females; in Hospitals for Special Diseases, 10—6 males and 4 females; in Lying-in-Hospitals, none; in Lunatic Asylums, 1 male; in Military and Naval Hospitals, 1 male; in Prisons, none. Total in public institutions, 150—77 males and 73 females.

#### DEATH OF R. THORPE, ESQ., MANCHESTER,

This eminent surgeon expired on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at his residence in Piccadilly, Manchester. The deceased was in his 64th year. He was known, not only in Manchester, but throughout the kingdom, as one of the most clever anatomists and operating surgeons the three kingdoms contained. Having passed through the usual course of instruction in London, and the ordeal of examinations, he subsequently returned to Manchester, and commenced the practice of his profession. He became connected with the Manchester Royal Infirmary in 1812, by his election on the 2nd of April in that year, and resigned in 1849, but was immediately elected one of the consulting surgeons to the institution, and held that honourable position at his death. He was also a member of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association. In private life Mr. Thorpe was distinguished by the benevolence of his character, and by the unostentatious manner in which he distributed his ample means among those whom he believed to be requiring and deserving of aid.

#### THE LATE ROBERT LISTON, ESQ.

A pension of £100 per annum on the Queen's Civil List, has been conferred on Mrs. Liston, the widow of the late Robert Liston, Esq., the eminent surgeon, whose sudden demise was so generally lamented as a loss to the country and the profession which he adorned.

#### THE BLACK FEVER.

It is reported that the village of Baldon, four or five miles from Oxford, which principally belongs to Queen's College, is now infected with a most malignant typhus fever, running into the old black fever. The cottages are miserable in the extreme, and greatly overcrowded.—*Medical Times*.

#### USE OF ANÆSTHETIC AGENTS IN ANCIENT CHINA.

Stanislas Julian has found, in examining the Chinese books in the National Library at Paris, the proof that the Chinese have been long acquainted with the use of anæsthetic agents during surgical operations. The extract which he gives is from a book published about the commencement of the sixteenth century, in fifty vols. quarto, and entitled "Kow-Kin-i-tong," "General account of Ancient and Modern Medicine," and refers to the practice of a celebrated physician, Ho-a-tho, who flourished between the years 220 and 230 of our era. It states, when about to perform certain painful operations, "he gave the patient a preparation of hemp" (hachich), and that at the end of a few moments "he became as insensible as if he had been drunk or deprived of life." After a certain number of days the patient was cured, without having experienced the slightest pain during the operation. In a subsequent notice he also adds, that the same physician used the hydropathic system as a cure for certain diseases, among others chronic rheumatism.—*Edin. Philosophical Journal*.

THE CENSUS FOR 1851.

Members of the medical profession are to state the university, college, or hall, of which they are graduates, fellows, are licentiates; also whether they practise as physicians, surgeons, or general practitioners, or not practising. Professors, teachers, public writers, authors, and scientific men, to state the particular branch of science or literature which they teach or pursue.

LIVERPOOL MEDICO-ETHICAL SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting took place on Tuesday, the 21st of January last. The report of the Council was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be printed for distribution among the members. Dr. Formby was re-elected president. Mr. Blackburn was re-elected a vice-president. Sir Arnold Knight was elected a vice-president. Mr. Jones was re-elected treasurer. Mr. Harricks was re-elected honorary secretary.

LEITH HOSPITAL.

The annual meeting of the subscribers to this establishment, which comprises the Leith Dispensary, the Casualty Hospital, and a new Epidemic Fever Hospital, (for the founding of which the late Mr. Stewart left £1000,) was held lately in one of the large fever wards of the institution. The report stated, that the contract price for building the hospital was £1878, exclusive of external fittings and the expense of enclosing the grounds. The precise cost has not yet been ascertained. The office of House-Surgeon being vacant, it was proposed that the salary be £60 a-year instead of £40. In the dispensary department, medical aid has been afforded to 2099 patients, 1000 of whom had been visited at home by the house-surgeon, and many more by the other medical officers. 245 cases had occurred in the Casualty Hospital. Seven persons had been attended to by the Humane Society branch of the institution. The receipts for the last year were £97. 10s. 6d. subscriptions, and a legacy of £50 minus the duty; the expenditure £73 for medicines, £40 the House-Surgeon's salary, £24 for the housekeeper, £25. 2s. 3d. for the Humane Society's men. Dr. Struthers was elected one of the medical officers.

APPOINTMENTS.

Dr. Bond has been appointed by the Queen to the Regius Professorship of Anatomy, and also as Reader in Physic, in the University of Cambridge, vacated by the death of Dr. Haviland.

MILITARY.—36th Foot. Assistant-Staff-Surgeon, George Frederick Bone, M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon, vice Smith, who exchanges. Hospital Staff.—Assistant-Surgeon, Francis Smith, from the 36th Foot, to be Assistant-Surgeon to the Forces, vice Bone, who exchanges.

NAVAL.—Assistant-Surgeon Frederick F. Morgan (1845) to the Bloodhound, steam-vessel, tender to the

Sampson, steam-frigate, at Devonport, for service on the coast of Africa. Surgeon William Looney, M.D. (1845), to the Apollo, 8, troop-ship, at Sheerness, vice Robertson, Assistant-Surgeon James S. Ayerst to the Queen; Assistant-Surgeon James S. Agent (1847), from the Hogue steam guard-ship at Cork, to the Queen, 116, flag-ship, on the Mediterranean station; James Young, M.D. (1851), acting, to the Cumberland, 70, flag-ship of Vice-Admiral Sir George Seymour, G.C.H., fitting at Chatham for the West India Station. Assistant-Surgeon J. W. Bradshaw, from the Amazon to the Royalist; Assistant-Surgeon W. Telfer from the Hastings to the Amazon.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

MB. SECOND EXAMINATION, 1350.—EXAMINATION FOR HONOURS.

*Physiology and Comparative Anatomy.*

Bristowe, John Syer (gold medal) } Equal { St. Thomas's Hospital.  
Growse Robert (ditto) } { Guy's Hospital.  
Hewitt, William Morse Graily, University College.  
Shearman, Charles James, University College.

*Surgery.*

Bristowe, John Syer (scholarship and gold medal,) St. Thomas's Hospital.  
Lewis, Robert Benson, (gold medal), Leeds School of Medicine.  
Growse, Robert, Guy's Hospital.  
Shearman, Charles James, University College.  
Hewitt, William Morse Graily, University College.

*Medicine.*

Growse, Robert (scholarship and gold medal), Guy's Hospital.  
Shearman, Charles James (gold medal), University College.  
Bristowe, John Syer, St. Thomas's Hospital.  
Lewis, Robert Benson, Leeds School of Medicine.  
Hewitt, William Morse Graily, University College.

*Midwifery.*

Hewitt, William Morse Graily, University College.

M.D. EXAMINATION, 1850.—FIRST DIVISION.

Baines, Matthew, King's College.  
Barrow, Edward Enfield, Guy's Hospital.  
Birkett, George, Charing Cross Hospital.  
Carlill, John Burford, University College.  
Eade, Peter, King's College.  
Edwards, William Thomas, University College.  
Elam, Charles, Leeds School of Medicine.  
Monckton, Stephen, King's College.  
Ransom, William Henry, University College.  
Sankey, William Henry Octavius, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.  
Wilks, Samuel, Guy's Hospital.

SECOND DIVISION.

Ayre, William, London Hospital.  
Heale, James Newton, St. Thomas's Hospital.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Gentlemen admitted members Friday, January 17th, 1851:—Arthur Bell, Banagher, King's County; Henry Strangeways Rounsell, Bridport; Thomas Husband, Madras; Robert Caene Roberts Jordan, Teignmouth, Devon; John Lacy, Woolwich; John George Porter, Peterborough. Northamptonshire; Thomas Morley Rooke, London; Harry Octavius Thornold, Bombay; Henry Mable Watson, Clitheroe, Lancashire.

The following gentlemen were admitted at a special meeting of the court of examiners, on the 23rd of January:—Messrs. Thomas Coke Higgs, St. George's, Bermuda, and Edward Higgon Evans, Treffgarne Hall, Haverfordwest.

### SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted members Thursday, Jan. 16th, 1851:—John Cromwell Blackford, Bromsgrove; Alfred Kitching, Hull; George Bacon Sweeting, Dorset; Edward George Wake, Hull.

Gentlemen admitted members Thursday, Jan. 23rd, 1851:—Edwin Henry Bolton, London; Wm. Chapman, Sedbergh; George Elin.

### OBITUARY.

January 8th, at Chertsey, James Robert Cole, Esq., surgeon, aged 39.

January 17th, at the residence of his son in the city of York, in his 80th year, William Travis, M.D., of Scarborough.

January 21st, at 7, Taunton Place, Regent's Park, aged 36, John Dymock Scale, M.D., M.R.C.S., and L.A.C.

### BOOKS RECEIVED FOR REVIEW.

Observations relating to the Science and Art of Medicine, by William Wegg, M.D., Cantab., Physician to the St. George's and St. James's Dispensary. London: John Churchill.

The Philosophy of Vital Motion, by Charles Bland Radcliffe, M.B., &c., Lecturer on Botany at the Westminster Hospital. London: John Churchill.

The Anatomist's Vade Mecum, by Erasmus Wilson, F.R.S. Fifth edition. London: John Churchill.

Braithwaite's Retrospect, July to December, 1850. London: Simpkin and Marshall.

The London and Provincial Medical Directory, 1851. London: John Churchill.

Lectures on Clinical Medicine, by J. H. Bennett, M.D., F.R.S.E., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, &c. &c., No 3.

Remarks on Insanity: Its Nature and Treatment, by Henry Monro, M.B., Oxon., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Part II. London: John Churchill.

Excise Duty on Paper, Considered as Affecting the Employment of the Poor, the Grievances of the Manufacturers, and the Injury to the Consumer, by T. B. Crompton. Pamphlet.

Additional Observations on the Nitrate of Silver, with Full Directions for its Use as a Therapeutic Agent, by John Higginbottom, F.R.C.S., &c. &c. London: John Churchill

Introduction to the Tempest Prognosticator, by George Merryweather, M.D., Whitby. London: Whitaker and Co.

The Journal of Psychological Medicine, Jan, 1851.

Monthly Journal of Medical Science, Jan., 1851.

New York Journal of Medicine, Nov. 1850.

London Journal of Medicine, Jan., 1851.

### PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

#### NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Gentlemen who have not yet paid their subscriptions for the current year, or who are in arrears, are requested to forward the amount due either to the Secretary of the district in which they reside, or to the Treasurer or Secretary of the Association at Worcester.

The attention of Members is particularly requested to the following resolution, unanimously agreed to at the late Anniversary Meeting, held at Hull on the 7th and 8th of August, 1850:—

"But if any Member's subscription remain unpaid twelve months after it shall become due, the *Medical Journal*, and other publications of the Society, shall be withheld from such Member till his arrears be paid; and when any Member has been in arrears of subscription for the *space of three years*, application shall be made for the same by the General Secretary, and if the arrears be not paid in *three months* the name of that Member shall be omitted from the list of Subscribers; but the omission shall not be deemed, either in honour or equity, as releasing any gentleman from the subscription owing during his Membership."

Members who wish to propose Associates are reminded, that as the subscription commenced on the first of January, it is the most convenient time to introduce new members.

It is also particularly requested that all post-office orders should be sent either to the Treasurer or Secretary, who alone have the power of giving receipts.

JAMES P. SHEPPARD, Secretary.

Worcester, Jan. 21st, 1851.

ERRATA.—In Dr. Duncan's paper in our last number, page 31. col. 1, line 20, the word bronchitis has been placed instead of *bronchiectasis*; and in the same page, col. 2, line 10 from the bottom, the word bronchitis has been again wrongly substituted for *bronchiectasis*.

### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. Harvey, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Mallaline, Mr. Veasey, J.D., Mr. Sweet, Mr. Brown.

*Chirurgus de Heywood* is informed that Mr. Crompton's paper "On Burns and Scalds" is now in the hands of the printer, and will be published in the next volume of the "Transactions."

It is requested that all letters and communications connected with the *Editorial department* 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. But all communications respecting the routine business of the Association should be forwarded to James P. Sheppard, Esq., the Secretary of the Association.