

Medical Intelligence.

THE SALE OF ARSENIC.

Lord Carlisle's Bill to regulate the sale of arsenic, now in the House of Lords, has been printed. It declares that the unrestricted sale of arsenic facilitates the commission of crime. The bill provides, that on every sale particulars of the sale shall be entered by the seller in a book before the delivery of the arsenic, and every such entry is to be signed by the person selling the same. Any person selling arsenic, save as authorized by this bill, and persons giving false information to obtain arsenic, are to be summarily convicted before magistrates, and to be liable to a penalty not exceeding £20. The bill is not to prevent the sale of arsenic in medicine under a medical prescription. A recent case caused the introduction of the bill.

CÆSARIAN SECTION.

Now that this operation is being warmly discussed in the profession, the following extract from *La Presse Médicale de Bruxelles* may be interesting:—"A woman, who had already borne several children, has just been delivered by the Cæsarian section with complete success. The patient, who lives at Anendonk, in Belgium, was attending to her household affairs on the twenty-ninth day after the operation, which was performed, with much skill and dexterity, by M. Bruggeman, assisted by M. Willens. The child lived only a few hours." It is a pity that we are not told the exact amount of deformity which rendered this fearful operation necessary.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Monday, the 3rd instant, the fourth ordinary meeting of this Society was held at the house of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, in Berners' Street. Officers having been nominated for the ensuing year, Dr. McWilliam read a paper "On the Yellow Fever Epidemý in the Brazils, in the year 1849." The paper contained many strong illustrations of the contagious nature of this disease, which, in the spirited discussion which followed, were combatted by Mr. Baker, a visitor, who appeared to doubt the validity of the evidence on which the author had adduced some of his most important facts. The question assumed an interest and importance which was considered sufficient to warrant an adjournment of the discussion to the meeting in April.

CHELTENHAM MEDICAL BOOK SOCIETY.

The members of the Cheltenham Medical Book Society have just presented their Honorary Secretary with a handsome silver Etruscan claret jug, bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to William Philpot Brookes, Esq. M.D., by the Members of the Cheltenham Medical Book Society, as a token of respect and esteem for his valuable services as their Honorary Secretary."

APPOINTMENT.

Mr. George Elin, late House-surgeon of King's College Hospital, has been appointed House-surgeon to the Birmingham General Hospital.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

The following gentlemen were admitted members on Friday, the 7th instant:—Thomas Allen, London; Henry Bullock, Reading, Berkshire; James Weston Coombs, Canon Street; Edward Emra Earle, Westbury-on-Trym, Wiltshire; Frederick Ellis, Birmingham; Edward O'Callaghan Foott, Cork; Charles James Grant, Arundel, Sussex; Robert Hamilton, Maddox Street, Bond Street; Thomas Wm. Joseph Marsh, Australia; John Griffith Morris, Liverpool; William Stewart James Home Munro, Caithness, Scotland; William Peck, Sharnbrook, Bedfordshire.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES

The following gentlemen received certificates to practise on Thursday, Feb. 27:—William Fanshaw, Haslingden, Lancashire; Nevill Jackson, Stamford, Lincolnshire; Henry Walker, Ludlow, Salop. Gentlemen admitted on Thursday, March 6:—J. Carruthers, Dumfries; William Dewsnap; Richard Driver Kidd, Godalming; Ebenezer Moore, London.

OBITUARY.

Feb. 9, Thomas Parker, Esq., aged 68, M.R.C.S., and one of the senior apprentices of the late John Abernethy, Esq.

Feb. 12, at Bentinck Terrace, Regent's Park, John James Bowie, M.D., aged 31. Dr. Bowie was the son of Captain Bowie, R.N. Several years since he was elected one of the assistant-physicians of the Hospital for Consumption, which office he resigned about a year ago, on account of being seized with the disease which eventually terminated his existence. This disease proved to be phthisis pulmonalis, though it assumed a different character in its commencement.

Lately, Assistant-surgeon Stuart, of the Cape Mounted Rifles, killed in action with Sandilli's Caffres, at the Keiskamma River, while under the command of Colonel Mackinnon.—Off the coast of Africa, Mr. Symonds, of the *Kingfisher*.—At Sierra Leone, Staff-Assistant-surgeon Watson.—At Cephalonia, Brownson, Staff-surgeon Ford, 2nd West India Regiment.—At Dublin, Assistant-surgeon Reed, 4th Dragoons.—Assistant-surgeon Ligertwood, Veteran Battalion.

BOOKS RECEIVED FOR REVIEW.

General Index to the first 33 vols. of the *Medico-Chirurgical Transactions*. Longmans, 1851.

Queen's College, Cork. Introductory Address on Medical Education. By Alexander Fleming, M.D., &c, Dublin, 1851.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Mr. Newnham, Dr. Cormack, and Mr. Giraud.

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.

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.