

visiting their former habitation, and partaking of the family meal.

I object entirely to the plan propounded. I consider it useless, unnecessary, expensive to the public, and more likely to do harm than good. I am unable at present to continue my letter, but one more will conclude my observations.

Yours obediently,
E.B.

ABSORPTION OF THE MAMMÆ AND TESTES UNDER THE USE OF IODINE,

To the Editors of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal.

GENTLEMEN,—To the question proposed in the *Journal* for January 21st, relative to the absorption of the mammæ and testes under the use of iodine, I beg to refer to a case of ovarian tumour in St. Mary's Hospital, under the care of Dr. Tyler Smith, published in the *Lancet* of February 7th, 1852. At page 149 the following observations occur, bearing on the subject:—"The body of the patient gave out a strong smell of iodine; she had been using this remedy internally, and by inunction, for many weeks. There was considerable emaciation, and the *mammæ were greatly shrunk*. The nipple, which remained full and rounded, stood out as from a perfectly flat surface."

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
P. GARDNER.

Southampton, February 9, 1852.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH MEETING—MR. BARRETT'S CASES.

To the Editors of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg the insertion of the following in correction of an error in the report of the late Branch Meeting at Bristol. It is stated that I detailed two cases which I had, during my attendance on them, diagnosed as colic, but which *post-mortem* examination showed to be internal strangulation of the ileum. What I stated was, that in the first case, at the commencement, I looked on it as colic; that when I had no doubt of the nature of the case, the general symptoms would not have warranted an operation; that in the second case, which I only saw once, I immediately, when I saw it, recognised its nature, but the circumstances of it rendered any idea of an operation perfectly out of the question.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
JOHN BARRETT, F.R.C.S.

Bath, 13, Pierrepont Street,
January 8, 1852.

[In consequence of the press of matter, the above note has been unavoidably postponed.—ED. J.]

Medical Intelligence.

HOMŒOPATHY.

At a meeting of the medical profession of Hull and the neighbourhood, held in the Library of the Hull Infirmary, January 6, 1852, Dr. Cooper in the chair; on the motion of Mr. Eddie, of Barton, seconded by Mr. Watson, of Cottingham,

It was resolved,—

"That this meeting considers that the system of treating diseases known by the name of homœopathy is entirely without foundation in theory or fact; that it is dangerous to the public health, and prejudicial to the cause of science, and that it is propagated by the combined influence of ignorance and imposture.

"That this meeting notices with much regret that the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons does not think it expedient to interfere with the practice of homœopathy by individuals holding the diploma of the College and practising with the sanction and approval which the possession of that diploma implies.

"That this meeting would respectfully submit to the Council of the College, and to the other Medical Corporations, the importance of at least making an official avowal of their condemnation of the doctrines of homœopathy, and of their conviction of the evils likely to result from its practice."

That copies of these resolutions be sent to the Secretaries of the College of Surgeons and of the Apothecaries' Company; and that the Editors of the *Provincial Medical Journal*, *Lancet*, and *Medical Times and Gazette*, be requested to insert them.

STATISTICS OF LUNATICS.

From the annual report of the Commissioners in Lunacy, just printed, it appears, on the 1st of January, 1851, there were 16,456 insane persons confined in asylums, hospitals, and licensed houses in England and Wales, of whom 7,843 were male, and 8,613 female. The total number of pauper lunatics in asylums, registered hospitals, and licensed houses on the 1st of January last was 12,059—5,592 male, and 6,567 female.

NEW MEDICAL COLLEGE.

At the annual general meeting of the Governors of the Farringdon Dispensary, held at the end of last month, Mr. Chippendale, the senior medical officer, directed attention to the New Medical College, and brought forward a plan by which institutions giving assistance to the poor might be made to contribute towards the funds of the College. He observed that the poor were debtors to an enormous extent to the medical profession, for services rendered them without fee or reward; that he, himself, had now attended at the dispensary for upwards of fifteen years, during which long period he had neither directly or indirectly reaped any advantage, either pecuniary or otherwise; that he could not, himself, accept the small contributions which might be offered by the poor, and he would say the same for his colleagues, but that we had the necessitous, the widow, and the orphan, in our own ranks, and that

it seemed but just that those who were enjoying the benefit of our labours, (for time was money,) should offer some little token of their gratitude to those of our profession who were desolate and distressed. He therefore suggested that each patient, on first coming to the dispensary, should, if a physician's or surgeon's case, give one penny, and if requiring the aid of the accoucheur, twopence; and that the sums so collected should be annually presented to the College. It might at first sight appear that such trifling amounts would not be worth the acceptance of the College; but, from calculations he had made, it would be found, that if all the hospitals and dispensaries in the kingdom would adopt the plan, enough would be raised to form a handsome endowment for the College. In such a movement it was necessary that some one institution should take the first step, and, as he was the originator of the scheme, he was anxious that the dispensary to which he was attached should have the honour of setting the example. The matter having been duly discussed, was adopted, and ordered to be forthwith carried into effect.

LIABILITY OF EMPLOYERS FOR THE MEDICAL EXPENSES OF SERVANTS.

At the Wolverhampton County Court Mr. Kempson, a surgeon, sued Frederick Woodhall, a miner in the employ of Lord Ward, for £33. 18s., being his charge for amputating defendant's leg, for attendance; and medicine. Defendant pleaded *non debet*, inasmuch as he was in Lord Ward's employ at the time of the accident, and that, therefore, his Lordship was bound to pay the bill. Mr. Smith, agent to Lord Ward, argued, *e contra*, that his Lordship was not responsible, because, at the time of the accident, the man was not engaged in the mine, but was riding a cart over ground when, by his own carelessness, he fell under the cart, and sustained the injuries. The learned Judge, Mr. Sergeant Clark, adjourned the case, in the hope that the matter might be amicably arranged. It is but fair to add that but one feeling pervaded the court—that Lord Ward was morally bound to pay the bill.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL.

According to the plans and specifications of the proposed additions to King's College Hospital, the new buildings will cover the whole of the Green Yard Burial Ground, and also the site of the houses lately pulled down in Carey Street. The excavations for the foundations will be made very deep, in order that the bodies in the grave-yard may be removed to a suburban cemetery. It is unnecessary to add that so dense and so populous a neighbourhood demands an hospital of very large extent.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

The following gentlemen were admitted members on Friday, the 6th instant:—Wyndham F. Armstrong, Adare, Co. Limerick; Robert Elliott, Tyrone; Henry Ellis, Bangor, Carnarvonshire; John Gabriel French, Jewin Street, Aldersgate Street; Henry Gramshaw, Gravesend; John Henry Hewer, Chobham, Surrey;

Peter Nevill Jackson, Beverley, Yorkshire; Richard Pery, Dublin; Ridley Porter, Bishopsgate Street; Clement Sconce, Bath; David Swining, Winslow, Bucks.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES.

Gentlemen admitted members on Thursday, Jan. 29, 1852:—Frederick Ward Cleve, Bradnich, Devon; Thomas Edward Halls, Broad Street, Horsleydown; Henry Simpson, Chester.

Gentlemen admitted on Thursday, Feb. 5, 1852:—Alfred Ball, Brighton; Charles Chibnall, London; Mark Kebbell, Brighton; John Lacey, Brighton; William Tidboald Luxton, Winkligh, Devon; John Bidlake Mountford, Exeter.

OBITUARY.

On the 30th ult., at Bicester, Oxfordshire, after a few days' illness, Edward Hugh Thorpe, Esq., surgeon, aged 38.

Feb. 3rd, at Frankfort-on-the-Maine, Sir Alexander Mackenzie Downie, M.D., aged 41 years.

On the 25th of June last, at Spring Bay, Hobart Town, aged 39, W. Morgan Underwood, M.D., sixth son of the late Rev. Thomas Underwood, Rector of Ross and canon residentiary of Hereford Cathedral.

PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

THE COUNCIL OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION hereby offer a PRIZE OF TWENTY GUINEAS for the best *Series of Reports of Medical Cases* that may occur in any of the Provincial Hospitals, which shall be sent to the *Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal* for publication, between the FIRST OF OCTOBER 1851, and the FIRST OF OCTOBER, 1852.

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House-Surgeons and Pupils of the Provincial Hospitals to be eligible candidates for the Prizes.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

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 Associates.

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, January, 1852.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from Observer, Dr. Dickenson, Scrutator, Mr. Ikin, Dr. Hall, Mr. Hughes, Dr. Oke, Mr. Postgate, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Foote (twice).

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.