

the right auriculo-ventricular opening appeared unusually wide; all the cavities were dilated, and their parietes thickened; the right auricular appendix was filled with a firm clot of fibrine, and portions of this impacted between the muscoli pectinati, in which the central softening, as described by Gulliver, had taken place; the weight of the heart was 15 ounces. The abdominal organs were enlarged, the liver and kidneys congested; the former weighed 54 ounces, the latter 15; the spleen 10½, pancreas 4½, and the stomach 6. Dr. Boyd has placed several other cases on record, tending to support the pathological rule enunciated by Dr. Clendinning.—July, 1842.

PUBERTY IN THE NEGRESS.

It is a common opinion generally admitted all over Europe, that puberty occurs earlier in hot climates than in those lying within the temperate zone. Müller says, that it is stated, that in the hot regions of Africa, the changes of puberty take place in the female sex as early as the eighth year, and during the ninth year in Persia. Young Jewesses are also said to menstruate earlier than other females in our own country. This opinion Mr. Robertson, of Manchester, has essayed to controvert, in the belief that it was no other than a vulgar error. To enable him to obtain the necessary information with respect to the negress, Mr. Robertson applied to the superintendents of the Moravian missions in Antigua and Jamaica, by whom registers of births had been kept, the registry being important in fixing the date of the first appearance of the catamenia. From these gentlemen he received the information he desired, and which confirmed him in the belief that menstruation does not commence earlier in the negress than in the white. Out of 21 cases, menstruation appeared in one at 16, in three at 15, in three at 14, in three at 13, and in two at 12; while it had not appeared in one aged 14, in two aged 13, in one aged 12, in one aged 11, one aged 10, one aged 9, and two aged 8. It is further added, that many cases of negresses, from 8 to 11 years of age, who have not yet had any menstrual secretion, might be added.—*Medical Gazette*, July 29, 1842.

WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.

Mr. Anthony White, the president of the Royal College of Surgeons, has announced his intention of giving an annual prize for the best essay on a medical or surgical subject. The candidates to be pupils of the school of the hospital.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.

On Tuesday last the Court of Examiners of the Society of Apothecaries made their annual report to the Court of Assistants, from which it appeared that,

during the past year, 393 candidates had been examined. Of that number, 330 received certificates of their qualification to practise as apothecaries.

OBITUARIES.

At Calcutta, on the 15th of May, Dr. John Robinson, aged forty-eight.

On the 22nd of May, at Calcutta, John M'Bean, Esq., assistant-surgeon to the 50th regiment, aged twenty-six.

On the same day, at Terrikerry, by the accidental explosion of his rifle, John Parrock, Esq., M.R.C.S., aged twenty-eight.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

MILITARY.

Assistant-surgeon Dr. Cameron, to the medical charge of the 2nd troop Horse Brigade; Assistant-surgeon Dr. Clark, to do duty with the 1st battalion of Artillery at Ahmednugger; Assistant-surgeon T. Young, to do duty with the 2nd battalion of Artillery; Assistant-surgeon H. Glasse, vaccinator in the Deccan; Assistant-surgeon Dr. Jephson, civil surgeon at Broach; Assistant-surgeon W. Campbell, M.D., to the 2nd battalion of Artillery in Fort George Barracks; Assistant-surgeon J. Behan, to the left wing of the 2nd European Light Infantry at Colabah.

Assistant-surgeon W. W. Pigore, allowed one year's furlough, to proceed to sea.

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Monday, August 8, 1842.

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