

had taken, altogether, five scruples of extract of squills.—*Medecin, Corr. Blatt. : Bayerischer.*

HEMERALOPIA.

Night blindness, says Dr. Forry, is eleven times more prevalent in the southern, than in the northern divisions of America; in other parts of the United States it is almost unknown. In Florida it may be regarded as endemic. The pathology seems to exist in an exhaustion of the power of the retina, in consequence of exposure to strong light during the day; or in other words, vision ceases because the retina, after having been exposed to a long and brilliant sunshine, is not excited by the feeble light which continues after sunset. The disease is consequently rarely met with, except in the southern latitudes, or those regions in which the ground is covered many months with snow. In Florida, as in the West Indies, the causes productive of it are, the full glare of a vertical sun in an unclouded sky, and the reflection of the solar rays from the surface of water or from a sandy soil. Its duration in Florida varies from one night to six or twelve months, whilst relapses are frequent. The treatment which is modified in accordance with the accompanying functional derangement, usually consists in confinement to a dark room, the use of emetics and cathartics, and the application of cupping-glasses and blisters to the temples and nape of the neck; but these remedies, as well as salivation, prove in many cases wholly unavailing. When remedial measures fail in tropical regions among those from northern latitudes, a return to one's native clime is obviously indicated.—*Dr. Forry, Amer. Journ. Med. Sci., April, 1842.*

OBITUARY.

At Madras, on the 8th of July, Surgeon G. Hopkins, M.D., Medical Establishment.

At Quilon, on the 22nd of July, Assistant-surgeon R. Maginniss, Medical Establishment.

At the General Hospital, Calcutta, on the 20th of July, M. H. Smith, late surgeon of the ship *Burma*.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

MILITARY.

22nd Foot—James Prichard Moline, gent., to be assistant-surgeon, vice Campbell, promoted.

50th Foot—Cuthbert Fetherston Hough Barlow, M.D., to be assistant-surgeon, vice Mc Bean, deceased.

58th Foot—Assistant-surgeon Richard Bannatine, from the 56th foot, to be assistant-surgeon, vice Denny, appointed to the staff.

Hospital Staff—To be Assistant-surgeons to the Forces—Assistant-surgeon William Denny, from the 58th foot, vice Cooper, appointed to the 17th Light Dragoons; George Buttler, gent., vice Ross, deceased.

NAVAL.

Assistant-surgeon F. B. Pritchard, to the *Orestes*.

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W. A. Sumner, London; W. N. Clarkson, Whitby; J. Moore, Wickham Market, Suffolk; J. Vincent, Horningtoft, Norfolk.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Observations regarding Medical Education. By John Simon. London: Renshaw, 1842. pp. 32.

A Treatise on the Enlarged Tonsil and Elongated Uvula. By James Yearsley. London: Churchill, 1842. 8vo. pp. 83.

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A. B.—The new regulations of the College of Surgeons require attendance on the surgical practice of an hospital during three years, and on the medical practice during one year; but the twelve months medical practice may be attended during any of the three years devoted to surgery. It is thus that our expression "four years' hospital attendance" is to be understood.

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