

stages, up to a period not yet defined, local, and admits of cure by local treatment only. 2nd. It is usually a disease of advanced life, but is not confined to any temperament or condition of life. 3rd. This malady is rarely found combined or coexistent with other affections; on the contrary, its presence seems to exempt from any such liability. The sympathetic affection of the stomach, bowels, and bronchi, already referred to, forms an exception to this rule. 4th. Lupus, on the contrary, seems in most instances to have a constitutional origin, being, as already shown, found to follow from, or coexist with, other affections or disordered conditions of the system; moreover, it is most effectually checked by constitutional, combined with local, treatment. 5th. The difference, though well marked in several instances, between these two affections is infinitely less apparent than between either of them and cancer. 6th. The term "malignant" may be fairly questioned, as being applicable to the earlier stages of ulcers of the eyelids; but it is absurd and inappropriate in the great majority, at least, of cases of lupus.—*Dublin Journ. Med. Sci.*, Sept., 1842.

#### EFFECTS OF REMEDIES ON THE GENITAL ORGANS.

In some recent Numbers we published a few cases, tending to show that the local use of tartar-emetic or croton oil as counter-irritants may produce a curious effect on the genital organs. Dr. Boas has observed an analogous effect produced by assafœtida plaster, which he is much in the habit of employing. In men, tumefaction of the scrotum often occurred; in women, tumefaction and even inflammation of the external labia. In one case, that of a woman fifty years of age, where the plaster had been applied on the abdomen, very troublesome inflammation of the external organs of generation, requiring an antiphlogistic treatment, supervened, and the mammae became greatly enlarged, and furnished a milky secretion in considerable quantity.—*Casper's Wochen.*, No. 51, 1841.

#### COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH.

Nov. 28, 1842.

VEITCH v. RUSSELL.

Some time back we noticed this case, which terminated in the defeat of Dr. Veitch. The present motion was one for a new trial, on the ground that the jury had returned a verdict entirely contrary to evidence; but the court decided that there was no ground whatever for disturbing the original verdict. The only point interesting to the profession in the case is the formal declaration of the court, that a physician might enter on and enforce a *special* contract for the payment of his fees.

#### MEDAL OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY.

We feel pleasure in announcing that the gold medal of the Royal Society has been awarded to Mr. Bowman, of King's College.

#### THE GRAVEYARD QUESTION.

Mr. Chadwick, secretary to the poor-law commissioners, has been appointed by Sir James Graham to conduct an inquiry on the burial of the dead in cities.

#### THE ECHOMETER.

Dr. Aldis must have a queer notion of things if he thinks that any estimate could be formed of his instrument by our printer's looking at it for a few minutes.

#### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN LONDON.

Members admitted Friday, November 25, 1842.

F. H. Woodforde, J. Dowling, W. Roden, H. Aylward, S. S. Smith, J. J. Gray, C. J. Newstead, A. Collinson, J. Mahony.

#### APOTHECARIES' HALL.

Licentiates admitted Thursday, November 24, 1842.

R. G. Coombe, Newcastle, Staffordshire; R. Palmer, Letecomb Regis, Berkshire.

#### BOOKS RECEIVED.

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#### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*Ludlow*.—The conduct of the committee appears to be unjust in the extreme; but we cannot venture to condemn it, or comment thereon upon an *ex parte* statement.

*R. H. J.*—The apparatus alluded to by Dr. Watson in his last lecture may be procured from *J. Ronkette*, 116, Great Russell-street, Bloomsbury, London.

The communications of *Mr. Slater* and *Mr. Worthington* in our next.

*W. R.*—It was impossible to comply with the request of *W. R.* The omission would have been useless, as the publication takes place in other journals.

*A Reader*.—Indentures are not required by the College. The circumstance alluded to would have no effect at the Hall.

In reply to numerous letters respecting the regulations of the College of Surgeons, we refer our readers to an official advertisement on the wrapper.

The letter of *Mr. Estlin* on the prussic acid delusion shall appear next week. As a general rule, we are unwilling to notice any of the proceedings of quacks, whether professional or non-professional; but in this instance we shall yield to the wish of our respected correspondent.

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