

THE PROGRESS OF MEDICAL SCIENCE.

— "Omnia novit
Græculus esuriens"—

JOURNAL.

We extract the following *marceau* from the advertisement of the last week's "Lancet." Does the worthy editor propose to enter the field against the hygeist, or is this a last effort to prop up a falling concern? Such a piece of literary quackery never before smote our astonished eyes.

"12. Mr. Atkinson on prussic acid vapor in staphylocoma, with accounts of new discoveries in the treatment of *scurvy, diabetes, cancer, prurigo, tumors, club-foot, hydrocele, yellow fever, ague, epilepsy, and diseases of the glands, the skin, and the bladder.*"

Here is a bill of discoveries with a vengeance!

M. LOUIS.

M. Louis has been promoted to the rank of officer of the Legion of Honor,

OBITUARIES.

DEATH OF MR. K. T. KEMP, LECTURER ON PRACTICAL CHEMISTRY IN THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.

It is with feelings of the deepest sorrow that we announce the departure of our esteemed friend. Mr. Kemp died on the 28th November, aged thirty-seven, after a confinement of fourteen days, during which time he suffered much from severe attacks of angina pectoris, and a sense of impending death,—symptoms occasioned by an aneurism of the arch of the aorta, under which, for the last six years, he knew himself to be laboring. Upon examination after death, the aneurismal tumor, which was of the size of a duck's egg, was found behind the upper part of the sternum, and pressing on the trachea. From his earliest youth, Mr. Kemp showed a strong propensity to the cultivation of science, and his naturally ardent mind gave a character of enthusiasm to every pursuit in which he engaged, and carried him successfully through the difficulties—and they were not few—which beset his path at the outset of his career, and which, alas, were no sooner overcome, and the way to eminence and distinction opened up to him, than it became evident to himself and his friends that he was doomed never to enjoy the fruits of his labor. During the earlier part of his course as a teacher of chemistry, he devoted his attention chiefly to voltaic electricity, and produced many interesting and valuable modifications of galvanic apparatus; and to him the world is indebted for the advantages derived from the amalgamising of the zinc plates—an improvement entirely his own, and one which is now almost universally adopted in the construction of galvanic batteries. He afterwards turned his attention to the consideration of the gases, and his success in this department of science is well known. At one period he experimented extensively upon combustion, and carried out to the fullest extent the views which were

advanced upon that subject by Sir H. Davy. But it is needless to particularise; in every department of chemical science he was one of the foremost and most successful experimenters, and all his experiments and observations bore the stamp of a bold and original mind. Of late years his energies were damped by the insidious advances of the disease which terminated his existence at a period of life when it might have been hoped that he was but entering upon a bright career of usefulness; and although he bore himself with firmness and resignation, yet the consciousness that the great destroyer had marked him out for his early prey, produced an apathy of mind and a dislike to appearing before the public; and ultimately he enjoyed no society save that of his more intimate friends and relations. To this cause it may in a great measure be attributed that he gave so little publicity to his observations and opinions; but the public have derived the benefit, although the credit may not be given where it is justly due. He was warm and generous in his attachments, and in his disposition kindly and cheerful; he was beloved by a large circle of acquaintances, and by his death his family has lost a dutiful son and an affectionate brother. Mr. Kemp commenced his public lectures in 1829, but long before that time he gave private lessons in chemistry, and was zealously engaged in chemical investigations. —*Edinburgh Monthly Journal*, No. 25.

MR. WALKER, OF ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL.

We have this week to announce to our readers the premature death of Mr. Robert Benjamin Walker, one of the surgeons to St. George's Hospital. He died on Monday evening, at his residence, 27, Curzon-street, May-fair, after a severe illness of only four days' duration. We hope to be able to give some particulars of Mr. Walker's professional career, and of the disease which has deprived the profession and the public of his valuable services, in an early number of our Journal.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

NAVAL.

Surgeons—C. R. Brien, to the Thunderbolt; Morris Pritchett, M.D., to the Spiteful.

Assistant-surgeons—J. J. W. Roberts, to the Naval Hospital, Haslar; John Henderson, to the Caledonia; M. J. Dill, to the Spiteful; John Thomson, to the Gleaner; G. H. Ryan, to the St. Vincent, for service at Haslar Hospital.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN LONDON.

Members admitted Friday, December 30, 1842.

J. S. Mackintosh, G. Geere, T. Evans, T. S. Blackwell, H. Hutson, W. A. Rackham, C. Evans, W. S. Britton, H. Cooper, R. Jones, J. Mullins, N. Buckley.

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