

## IODURET OF POTASSIUM IN RHEUMATISM.

Dr. Aubrun states that his experience with this remedy in the treatment of rheumatism warrants him in concluding that it is very efficacious in the acute form, and in weak subjects may constitute the entire medication, it not being necessary to have recourse to the abstraction of blood, but in plethoric people it is advisable to premise one or two large venesections, and not to commence with the ioduret till towards the second week. By this plan the patients are less likely to have the stiffness of the muscles and the enlargements of the joints, which are so often the sequence of rheumatism, and which are so difficult of cure. The dose in which it is given varies with the constitution of the individual, but in general the medical man may begin with one or two scruples a-day, and gradually raise it to six or eight, if nothing occur to prevent it. Dr. Aubrun has employed the ioduret almost exclusively in men, and has never observed any effects produced by it on the testicles, either as regards their size or their activity of function.

The symptoms it produces are as follows:—A slight increase of the saliva, a sensation of bitterness in the mouth, with more or less heat, redness, and pain in the throat, the tonsils remaining in a healthy state, and a slight degree of inflammation of the conjunctiva and pituitary membrane.

The action of the ioduret of potassium is entirely hyposthenic and resolvent; it is more active in enfeebled patients, and in those who have been previously treated by venesections.—*Gazette Médicale*, Dec. 1842.

## PAROCHIAL MEDICAL RELIEF.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL JOURNAL.

GENTLEMEN,—As the existing parochial engagements with medical men by the several boards of guardians are drawing to a close, and no strict or well-defined regulations of the poor-law commissioners are yet made to control future contracts, the poor and the profession are neither of them likely to derive the intended advantage of the commissioners' recommendation of March last, inasmuch as some boards are attempting to deduct nigh ten per cent. from the last year's salaries, and those made under tender, in consideration of fractures and capital operations being made liable to extra charge.

It is particularly desirable to know if it is positively determined that all future appointments shall be made for life, or left to the option of the guardians; for without some positive orders from Somerset-house, it is becoming evident that the guardians will only adopt such part of the commissioners' recommendations as may suit their own interests exclusively.

The system of persecution and resentment evinced by guardians towards any member of the profession for questioning the justice of their proceedings, preclude an individual from personal application to the

commissioners for redress, whilst it is in your power, in a public capacity, to make the inquiry on a matter so highly interesting to numerous members of the Provincial Medical Association, and amongst others,

Your most obedient servant,  
A MEMBER THEREOF.

## WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL.

Dr. Kingston has been elected one of the physicians to this hospital, after a short contest with Dr. Basham, by a majority of fourteen votes.

## PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY.

Her Majesty has been pleased to grant a charter of incorporation to this society. The efforts of Mr. Bell have been thus crowned with success, but we much question the propriety of any charter being given at the present juncture to any body connected, however remotely, with the medical profession.

## OBITUARIES.

On the 7th instant, Sir James Leighton, M.D., late physician to the Emperor of Russia.

We have to announce, with feelings of the deepest regret and sorrow, the death of Dr. Macartney, of Dublin, which took place on Sunday last, at his residence in Merrion-street, Dublin. The cause of this melancholy event was probably apoplexy, for Dr. Macartney was left in a state of excellent health on Saturday night, and was found unconscious on the following morning.

## PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

## NAVAL.

Surgeon—John J. D. Burns, to the *Sappho*.  
Assistant-surgeons—Charles Coffey, to the *Sappho*;  
J. Davidson, to the *Tartarus*.

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