

signs in connection with organic disease of the heart. Thus, it by no means follows that a rheumatic patient is attacked by disease of the heart, because an abnormal bruit becomes developed in the præcordial region; for post-mortem examinations show that in many cases where these abnormal sounds of the heart were discovered, no organic lesion was found after death. Of thirty-two cases of acute rheumatism admitted under my care during the year 1842, there existed fourteen with *bruit de souffle* accompanying the first sound; in three cases (one of which terminated fatally), there was a pericardial bruit; in fifteen, that is to say, in nearly one half the cases, no abnormal sound of the heart existed. Two of these fifteen died, but in both cases the existence of rheumatism was doubtful.

#### GRINDER'S ASTHMA.

This disease has been described by Dr. Holland, of Edinburgh, as presenting the symptoms of tuberculous phthisis; and although modified by the circumstances of the individual, and the exciting cause, the symptoms are those of pulmonary degeneration.

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KEPT AT SIDMOUTH.

By W. H. CULLEN, M.D.

May, 1843.

Mean of External Thermometer at 9, a.m.	54.34
" " " at 9, p.m.	50.16
Maxima . . . . .	59.75
Minima . . . . .	45.50
Mean daily Range . . . . .	14.28
Extreme Highest on the 3rd . . . . .	64.50
" Lowest on the 7th . . . . .	35.
" Range . . . . .	29.50
Mean Dew Point at 9, a.m. . . . .	49.18
" " at 9, p.m. . . . .	46.45
Mean of Barometer at 9, a.m. . . . .	29.747
" " at 9, p.m. . . . .	29.436
Extreme Highest on the 11th. . . . .	30.203
" Lowest on the 15th. . . . .	29.405
" Range . . . . .	.798
Number of Days Fine . . . . .	16
" " on which any Rain fell . . . . .	21
Quantity of Rain in Inches . . . . .	5.274

#### PREVAILING WINDS.

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#### ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.

Mr. Macmurdo has been appointed to the office of surgeon to this institution, vacated by the death of Mr. Tyrrel.

Mr. Le Gros Clarke has been appointed assistant-surgeon.

#### GUY'S HOSPITAL.

Dr. Bright has just resigned his appointment as senior physician to Guy's Hospital. The new appointments consequent upon his resignation were made on Wednesday last, Dr. Addison becoming senior physician, and Dr. Barlow filling the vacant office of third physician. Dr. Golding Bird and Dr. G. O. Rees were elected assistant-physicians.

#### ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.

Mr. Stanley having resigned his lectureship on anatomy and physiology, it has been determined to adopt the same division of lectures as at King's and University Colleges. There will be no course of demonstrations, but a course of lectures on descriptive and surgical anatomy, and one on general and morbid anatomy and physiology. Mr. Skey has been appointed lecturer on the former, and Mr. James Paget on the latter, subject.

#### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN LONDON.

*Members admitted Friday, June 9, 1843.*

E. Phillips, J. Lyddow, P. O'Brien, J. S. S. Lang, H. Gimlett, F. G. Jackson, J. W. Willows, C. Rogerson, G. E. Aldred, G. R. Elliott.

#### APOTHECARIES' HALL.

*Licentiates admitted Thursday, June 15, 1843.*

Thomas Hawksley; Henry Chambers, Donnington, Lincolnshire; James Wade, London; William Clayton, Hull; Edward Lawford, Leighton Buzzard; Hilary Hill, Worcester; Frederick Forwood, London; Robert Edbrooke Lutley, Wiveliscombe; John Beedell, Tiverton.

#### BOOKS RECEIVED.

A Practical Treatise on the Diseases Peculiar to Women, &c. By Samuel Ashwell. Part II, Organic Diseases. London: Highley, 1843. 8vo, pp. 468.

Medical History of the Expedition to the Niger during the Years 1841-2, &c. By J. O. McWilliam, M.D. London: Churchill, 1843. 8vo, pp. 287.

Clinical Remarks on certain Diseases of the Eye, &c. By John Charles Hall, M.D. London: Churchill, 1843. 8vo, pp. 228.

#### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from *Dr. Ferguson Branson* (Sheffield), *Dr. Martin H. Lynch* (London), and from *A General Practitioner*.

*Mr. Hey's* cases in our next.

\* \* \* In last Number, by an accident connected with the press, the two words, "chest will," were omitted, at page 214, col. 2, line 10.

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