

when carried to a high degree, accompanied by violent throbbing pains in the head, the *bruit de scie*, and musical sounds of the arteries of the brain, giddiness, sickness of the stomach, a rapid jerking pulse, and exalted state of nervous sensibility, delirium, and other symptoms of a cephaloidal inflammation, and yet every instance of menorrhagia or chlorosis is not to be regarded as a hydrocephaloidal disease, or even that of anæmia.

We have, then, four perfectly distinct auscultic phenomena, which are developed by, and which are characteristic of, particular pathological states of the encephalon. They are—1, the cephalic bellows-sound; 2, the encephalic or cerebral ægophony; 3, the *frémissement de cataire*, or purring thrill; and, 4, the *bruit de poussin*, cooing, or musical sound.

The first of these, in a pure or modified state, has been noticed as the accompanying phenomenon of cerebral congestion, acute cerebral inflammation, hydrocephalus, compression of the brain, scirrhus induration of the substance of the brain with softening, ossification of the arteries of the brain, and the hydrecephaloidal disease.

The second has been noticed only in those cases of cerebral disease which are accompanied with effusion and extravasation of fluid in and about the substance of the brain.

The third, in aneurysm of the basilar artery; and,

The fourth, which, properly speaking, is only an extraordinary modification of the bellows-sound, is never found accompanying any state of hyperæmia or active inflammation of the brain, and, therefore, may be considered strictly pathognomonic of a state of *excessive anæmia* of that organ.

MANCHESTER INFIRMARY.

Dr. James Lomax Bardsley has resigned the office of physician to the Manchester Infirmary, and been unanimously appointed consulting physician to the same institution.

LEEDS HOUSE OF RECOVERY.

We have received the last annual report of this valuable institution, from which it appears that both the number and severity of fever cases in that house is diminished. The mortality last year was 14½ per cent., whilst this year it has sunk to 11½.

NOTICE.

The senate of the University of London has recently recognised certificates of attendance on the medical practice and clinical lectures of the Manchester Union Hospital.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Elements of Natural Philosophy; being an Experimental Introduction to the Study of the Physical Sciences. By Golding Bird, A.M., M.D., F.L.S., &c. Second Edition. London: Churchill.

Thermal Comfort; or, Popular Hints for Preservation from Colds, Coughs, and Consumption. By Sir George Lefevre, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, &c. Second Edition. London: Churchill.

Advice to Wives on the Management of Themselves during the Periods of Pregnancy, Labor, and Suckling. By Pye Henry Chavasse, M.R.C.S. Second Edition. London: Longman and Co. Birmingham: Davies.

Advice to Mothers on the Management of their Offspring during the Periods of Infancy, Childhood, and Youth. By Pye Henry Chavasse, M.R.C.S. Third Edition. London: Longman and Co. Birmingham: Davies.

On Superstitions connected with the History and Practice of Medicine and Surgery. By Thomas Joseph Pettigrew, F.R.S., F.S.A. London: Churchill.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Subscribers to this Journal are recommended to ORDER FROM THEIR BOOKSELLERS, without delay, any Numbers required to complete sets, as the first 79 are quite out of print, and but few copies remain of many of the later Numbers.

We have received an article on Mesmerism, extracted from the "Burlington Advertiser." It is highly creditable to the authors, and calculated to teach the public the real nature of this so-called science. The report of the Lowestoft Infirmary has been received, and shall appear as soon as possible.

A correspondent asks, "Will you be kind enough to inform a subscriber, in your next Number, whether the Royal College of Physicians of London would acknowledge a licentiate as *Medicinæ Doctor* who deals in drugs, or practices generally as an apothecary or surgeon?"—[Our correspondent had better apply to the censors of the college for an opinion as to the legality of the practice, which is common enough in some districts.]

Our attention has been directed by several subscribers to a silly paragraph which has appeared in the papers, headed "Town and Country Practice," and giving a glowing account of the reduction of a dislocation in a London hospital, after the efforts of some country surgeon had failed. Suffice it to say that the officers of the hospital in question had nothing to do with the offensive paragraph, which, it appears, was inserted by the patient out of gratitude.

N'Importe.—There were three examinations at the College of Surgeons in October, viz., on the 6th, 13th, and 28th; and a list of the gentlemen who received diplomas is published in the Journal for each Saturday following. We receive an authentic list every time a court is held; and if any name is not to be found there, the inference is plain. The list of new licentiates of the Apothecaries' Society is published annually, and may be procured of a bookseller.

. Communications, journals, and books for review, to be forwarded (carriage paid) to the Publisher, 356, Strand, London. Letters connected with the Provincial Association, to Dr. Streeten, Worcester