Pickford on the nature and treatment of conical cornea. He relates three cases in which great benefit was derived from the exhibition of emetics with purgatives. His theory of the disease may be stated thus :—" He believes conical cornea to depend upon some disturbance in the functions of the great sympathetic spinal nerves and par vagum; producing through the medium of the lenticular ganglion and fifth pair of nerves faulty action of the nutrient capillaries and absorbent vessels of the cornea itself; that emetics and purgatives, by the powerful influence they exert upon the gastric and other nerves, restore the healthy functions of the weakened nutrient and absorbent vessels, the result of which is a slow but progressive retraction of the diseased corneal growth, and a consequent restoration of vision."

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By W. H. CULLEN, M.D.

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Mean of External Thermometer at 9, a.m.	47·81
" " " at 9, p.m.	44·60
Maxima	50·09
Minima	44·08
Mean daily Range	6·
Extreme Highest on the 8th	56·
" Lowest	35·50
" Range	20·50
Mean Dew Point at 9, a.m.	45·09
" " at 9, p.m.	42·02
Mean of Barometer at 9, a.m.	30·501
" " at 9, p.m.	30·426
Extreme Highest on the 14th	30·552
" Lowest on the 31st	29·794
" Range	·758
Number of Days Fine	10
" " Fair, but Dull	7
" " Raw and Cold, with Fogs	4
" " on which any Rain fell	10
Quantity of Rain in Inches	1.05

PREVAILING WINDS.

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MR. RICHARD HEY'S SUCCESSFUL LIGATURE OF THE COMMON ILIAC ARTERY.

Mr. Richard Hey, surgeon to the York County Hospital, has performed this most important operation on the common iliac artery, for the cure of an aneurysm of the external iliac. The ligature came off on the thirtieth day. We are not aware of any other successful case on record, except Dr. Mott's, of Philadelphia. We hope soon to be able to communicate the full particulars to our readers.

THE MEDICAL CONSTITUTION AT PARIS.

In a clinical lecture delivered at La Charité, by M. Fouquier, he draws attention to the present peculiar epidemic constitution, and its influence on various diseases. He observes, that maladies in general, accompanied with pretty severe fever, now exhibit very little febrile reaction; that there is a peculiar softness and slowness in the pulse, and a great tendency to gastro-intestinal disturbance, so that it may be said that most diseases present an abdominal character. Intermittent fevers and jaundice are also common; and any energetic antiphlogistic measures are very badly tolerated.—*Gaz. des Hop.*, Dec. 9, 1843.

THE WATSON TESTIMONIAL.

It has been proposed, by some of Dr. Watson's friends and pupils, to present him with some mark of respect and esteem, on his retirement from his professorial and hospital duties. The subscription is limited to one guinea. Mr. Edward F. Lonsdale, 82, Guildford-street, Russell-square, is honorary secretary to the committee.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.

Members admitted Friday, January 19, 1844.

J. M. Howell, G. R. Nuttall, F. Harvey, G. Le Clerc, C. G. Read, G. M. Tracy.

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.*

A Guardian.—1. Two years' hence will be time enough. 2. Greek and German are of the highest utility. 3. All information of this sort is contained in a little work which we noticed last week, the "Medical Student's Guide and Almanac," published by the publisher of this Journal. Every medical school in Europe almost is noticed. 4. The decision on this point must be governed by a consideration of his talents, fortune, connexions, and personal deportment. If he can afford to wait, and has considerable talent, let him be M.D. But take care to make him a *gentleman.*

M.R.C.S. is rather too sharp upon the "Vicar." As a general rule, non-professional letters ought to be excluded; but an exception may be made when anything useful or new is related. Our reverend correspondent wanted to learn some new and effective way of keeping the toe in its place. Mr. Key's plan is horribly irksome, and few people will submit to it. Can *M.R.C.S.* suggest anything derived from his own experience?

Vates.—We must decline poetry.

A. B.—We shall be glad of every information of the kind.

Dr. Durant's paper next week.

*** 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.

ERRATUM.

In Dr. Morris's paper, in our last Number, page 304, col. 1, line 13, for "the effects of the remote causes," read *the effects* or *the remote causes.*