

"2. That Law 2, Chapter xx, be so modified, that one silver medal shall be awarded yearly to the author of the best paper read before the Society, unless the Council shall by vote decide that no paper was worthy of that honour.

"That all the papers read shall be considered as open to the award, unless the authors shall in writing withdraw theirs from competition.

"That the points of merit shall be value to medical and surgical science, and to the public health, original observations, and general talent evinced by the communication.

"That a Committee of members of Council do recommend to the Council the award: the final decision to rest with the Council.

"The other silver medal shall continue to be awarded to a Fellow for special services.

"3. That no Fellow shall be a member of Council otherwise than *ex officio* during more than three consecutive years, but may be re-elected after the interval of one year."

CHILDREN POISONED BY LABURNUM SEEDS. Scarcely an autumn passes without some one being poisoned by ignorantly eating the seeds of the well-known laburnum tree, the yellow flowers of which in spring and the early part of summer form attractive objects in our English parks and gardens. An instance of the kind has just occurred at Otley, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, happily not attended with fatal results; but at the time this paragraph was written, one or two of the children who had eaten the poisonous seed were not quite out of danger. The facts are these:—On Thursday morning last, about a dozen young children of both sexes were simultaneously seized with severe illness, some of the chief features of which were frigidity of the limbs, closing of the eyes, and a livid appearance of the face. Mr. Ritchie, surgeon, was sent for, and he administered emetics, having ascertained that the children had freely partaken of seeds gathered from some laburnum trees which had been cut down in the neighbourhood. The emetics produced their natural effects, and most of the sufferers were soon out of danger. The case at first excited great consternation among the parents of the children and the families living near them.

DR. DE JONGH. His Majesty the King of the Belgians has conferred the dignity of a Knight of the Order of Leopold upon Dr. de Jongh, who is well known for his elaborate chemical and therapeutical researches into the nature and properties of cod-liver oil. It may be recollected that the same sovereign, and also the King of the Netherlands, some time since awarded to Dr. de Jongh medals of Merit, in approval of the services rendered by his scientific and practical investigations.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

AN EDINBURGH STUDENT is very positive and exceedingly severe upon our correspondent, but he forgets to send his name; and we cannot admit anonymous attacks into our Journal.

MR. THOMAS MORRIS. We will write to you upon the subject.

Communications have been received from:—MR. PYE H. CHAVASSE; MR. J. D. JEFFERY; DR. G. W. BALFOUR; MR. THOMAS MORRIS; DR. PAYNE; MR. T. HOLMES; DR. OKE; DR. ROUTH; DR. DAY; DR. NOBLE; DR. LINVY; MR. CHURCHILL; DR. BELL FLETCHER; MR. JOSEPH HINTON; MR. THOMAS PAGET; MR. W. COLLINGS; DR. EADE; DR. BARKER; MR. POLLOCK; DR. KIDD; MR. ROYSTON; MR. AUGUSTIN PRICHARD; DR. G. G. ROGERS; DR. P. H. WILLIAMS; MR. JAMES RHODES; MR. JOHN BIRKETT; MR. J. SIMON; MR. T. W. NUNN; SIR CHARLES HASTINGS; AN EDINBURGH STUDENT; MR. CECIL WEBSTER; and DR. J. BALLARD PITT.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

[* An Asterisk is prefixed to the names of Members of the Association.]

1. The True Art of Healing: a Discourse in the Rational System of Medicine, introductory to the Winter Session at St. Mary's Hospital. By Thomas K. Chambers, F.C.P.
2. Introductory Address delivered at the Middlesex Hospital at the commencement of the Medical Session, October 1st, 1856.
3. A Manual of Physiology. By William B. Carpenter, M.D., F.R.S. John Churchill.
4. A Manual of Elementary Chemistry. By George Fownes, F.R.S. Sixth Edition. John Churchill.
5. Clinical Lectures on Paralysis, of Certain Diseases of the Brain, and of other Affections of the Nervous System. By Robert Bentley Todd, M.D., F.R.S. Second Edition. John Churchill.
6. A Manual of Materia Medica and Therapeutics. By James Forbes Royle, M.D., F.R.S., and F. W. Headland, B.A., M.D. Third Edition. John Churchill.
7. Surgical Anatomy. By Joseph Maclise, F.R.C.S. Second Edition. John Churchill.
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