Such was the result of this remarkable trial; and, looking at the matter with the eye of common law and common sense, no other result could well have occurred. We do not now personify abstract ideas, like the old Romans; if we did, and gave them the legal privilege of appearing by counsel, editors, and writers of all kinds, would have to take care. Febris and Mephitis might bring an action for libel against Dr. Barker; and Lord Campbell might be called on for a quo warranto, on the part of Lucina, against Mr. Figg, of turning-in-all-cases-ofnatural-labour celebrity. And Homcopathia might have had a better chance the other day; although perchance not all the eloquence of Messire Ollivier could have gained a verdict for the plaintiff.

We are sure that we are acting as the members of the BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION would wish, in offering their hearty congratulations, as well as our own, to Dr. Amédée Latour and his colleagues, on the result of the action; as well as expressing a high appreciation of the manner in which they have supported the interests of true medical science.

We are glad to learn, that the editor of L'Union Médicale is about to publish, in a separate form, a full report of the proceedings, containing all the printed documents referred to, as well as the addresses of the counsel on both sides. The book will doubtless be a production of much interest to the members of the medical profession.

MEDICAL REGISTRATION.

DR. FRANCIS HAWKINS presents his compliments to the Editor of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, and begs to state that he has commenced Registration at his own house, 18, Bolton Street, Piccadilly; and that it is proceeding as rapidly as is compatible with the due inspection of diplomas and licenses, or, when these are not produced, with the necessity of comparing the dates and descriptions given with the certified lists.

Applications for Registration may be made in the form which is subjoined. It would assist greatly if Registration Societies were to collect the applications of their members, and to forward them with the fees. The fee is £2, and cannot be raised beyond this, for every one now qualified to practise, or who may yet become so before the end of the year.

Declarations made pursuant to Schedule (B) should be sworn before a magistrate and attested by a person registered under the Act.

December 21st, 1858.

FORMS OF APPLICATION.

1. For persons possessing Diplomas or Licenses. TO THE REGISTRAR.

I request to be registered as a Medical Practitioner, under the Medical Act, 21 & 22 Vic., c. 90, by virtue of the following Qualifications, viz.:

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[Insert Name and Christian Residing at	Name or Names in full.]
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Sworn	before me		J.P.	
Atteste	d by me	Registered	under the N	Iedical Act.

Association Intelligence.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH:

SOCIAL AND SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS RESIDENT IN ROCHESTER, MAIDSTONE, GRAVESEND, DARTFORD, AND THEIR VICINITIES.

Social and scientific meetings of members of the South-Eastern Branch resident in Rochester, Maidstone, Gravesend, Dartford, and their vicinities, will be held on the undermentioned days:

Friday, March 25th, 1859, at 3.30, at the Town Hall, Gravesend.

Friday, April 29th, 1859, at 3.30, at the Town Hall, Dartford.

The members resident in this district will be gratified by the attendance and assistance of any of the members of the British Medical Association.

JAMES DUIVEY, Honorary Secretary. Brompton, Chatham.

Editor's Letter Box.

THE CASE OF DR. STORRAR.

LETTER FROM HENRY THOMPSON, M.B.

SIR,-Dr. F. J. Brown writes you respecting a circular signed by myself and Mr. Littler, requesting subscriptions to defray the costs of a suit in the Court of Queen's Bench, to ascertain with whom the right to elect a member to the Medical Council for the University of London really lies, whether with the Senate exclusively, or with the whole corporation as constituted by the charter.

Dr. Brown makes three suggestions-

"1. To drop all personal objections to Dr. Storrar.

"2. To subscribe to a fund for the expenses of both sides.

"3. To follow out the case in the Court of Queen's Bench."

In relation to the first of these, I beg to refer Dr. Brown to a circular signed by Dr. Ballard and myself, which I believe he received in the same envelope which contained the circular he remarks upon, and which was published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of December 4th. It is there stated that seventy-five graduates have recorded their conviction, in writing, that Dr. Storrar is not the most fitting man to represent the University in the Medical Council. A paper expressing that conviction, and now signed by seventy-seven graduates, has been sent to the Senate of the University, for the purpose of deliberately stating to that body their opinion on the subject. Having done so, they probably will not see occasion to pursue that question further.

The same circular contains also the following sentence, which replies to the third suggestion.

"This vital question can only be settled by an appeal to the Court of Queen's Bench, the highest legal authority in the matter; and the only method of raising it is by the issue of an information in the nature of a writ of quo warranto against Dr. Storrar, for which a rule nisi was obtained on the last day of Michaelmas Term (Nov. 25)."

By the proceeding here named, the graduates who are acting in this matter were committed a month ago to the prosecution of the question in the manner proposed. The case will be heard about the middle of January next, and will probably be decided in a few days after.

Dr. Brown's second proposition only remains; viz., " to subscribe to a fund for the expenses of both sides". I have great pleasure in stating that no expenses will fall on Dr. Storrar, as the Treasurer has agreed to defend the Senate, who naturally Lake the responsibility of their own election upon themselves. Let me now only briefly add, that all the graduates who are

prosecuting this matter, and have subscribed to it, desire, to the best of my belief, to regard the suit as an amicable one, in no way necessarily causing any breach between themselves and the Senate. They have adopted the course of appealing to the only Court capable of finally determining the sense of certain. clauses in the charter, which all parties, the Senate included, have found it necessary to seek legal aid in construing-a course which may, therefore, save much future trouble, and will tend to promote the interests of all concerned. They still ask aid from their brother graduates to meet the costs already incurred and to come, and which must be discharged in a few

weeks; and they believe, committed as they are to the accomplishment of the object, that they will be supported by subscriptions adequate for the purpose. I am, etc., HENRY THOMPSON.

December 20th, 1858.

THE TAUNTON AND SOMERSET HOSPITAL. LETTER FROM F. H. WOODFORDE, M.D.

SIR,-If it is possible, will you direct the annexed letter to be inserted in the forthcoming number of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL? I am, etc., F. H. WOODFORDE.

Taunton, December 22nd, 1858.

" To the Honorary Medical and Surgical Officers of the Provincial Hospitals of England.

"GENTLEMEN,-The Governors of the Taunton and Somerset Hospital having recently made a rule, that the honorary medical and surgical officers shall sign their names in a book on each visit to the hospital, with the date and hour of the visit, no neglect of duty having been proved as a reason for the innovation,—we have declined to comply with the said rule, and are threatened with expulsion in consequence.

"We shall feel greatly obliged by your furnishing us, at your earliest convenience, with a copy of the rules of your hospital, or an official statement as to whether or not such a rule is in existence and acted on by you. "We should esteem it a favour, also, if you would express at the come time rule period on the subject as we consider the

the same time your opinion on the subject, as we consider the question as one seriously affecting the position of the profes-sion generally, and especially that of the honorary medical officers of hospitals.

"A special meeting of the Governors of this hospital is called for the 6th of January, 1859, when our expulsion is, we called for the ULD OF SALARY, believe, to be proposed. "We are, gentlemen, faithfully yours, "R. BURRIDGE, M.D., "F. H. WOODFORDE, M.D., "F. WELCH, F.R.C.S.E., "Surgical Officers of the

"Honorary Medical and Surgical Officers of the Taunton and Somerset Hospital."

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS.

SIR,-Will you allow me, through the medium of your JOURNAL, to call the attention of the profession to a grievance which presses heavily upon a very useful but ill paid body of men?

Most weeks may be seen advertisements, "Assistants supplied without Expense to Principals". By whom, then, is the "expense" borne? By those who can very ill afford it. An as-sistant pays £1:1, or perhaps a per centage on his salary, with, it may be, 2s. 6d. or 5s. registration fee, for being told of a va-cancy-nothing more. This is felt to be a great injustice. The service rendered is as much to employers as employed : the service renuered is as much to employers as employed: therefore, it is but fair each should pay his share. But why employ an agent? The medical periodicals afford the best means of professional communication; and, if both assistants and principals would avail themselves of them more, I would submit that a third party is unnecessary (unless, indeed, some general register could be kent on the plan formark adapted. general register could be kept, on the plan formerly adopted at Apothecaries' Hall, which, I think, is scarcely feasible).

I would advise every assistant requiring a situation to adver-tise; and if employers would do the same, each stating what they wish, it would give greater publicity to their requirements than can be done through an agent. I am, etc., SUUM CUIQUE.

December 1858.

Medical Rews.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, AND APPOINTMENTS.

* In these lists, an asterisk is prefixed to the names of Members of the Association.

BIRTHS.

- CUOLAHAN. On December 19th, at 143, Grange Road, Ber-mondsey, the wife of Hugh Cuolahan, Esq., Surgeon, of a son.
- MONRO. On December 16th, at 13, Cavendish Square, the wife of H. Monro, M.D., of a son.

SPITTAL. On December 11th, at Kensington, the wife of Andrew Spittal, Esq., Coldstream Guards, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

HAMILTON-GLOVER. Hamilton, Edward, M.D., of 128, Stephen's Green, Dublin, to Eliza, only daughter of John S. Glover, M.D., of Philipstown, King's County, on Dec. 18th.

MILLER-WALKER. Miller, Robert, Esq., serjeant at law, judge of county courts, to Louisa, widow of the late *Edward Dering Walker, M.D., of Teignmouth, at Leamington Priors, on December 18th.

DEATHS.

BRIGHT, Richard, M.D., F.R.S., at Savile Row, suddenly, on December 16th.

- BURN. On December 18th, at Dartford, Kent, Anne Golding, wife of John Burn, Esq., Surgeon.
- BYERS, Edward Lodge, Esq., Surgeon in the Royal Mail Steam Packet Service, at Milford, aged 29, on December 15th.
- CRADDOCK. On December 11th, of bronchitis, at 25, Chepstow Place. Bayswater, Edward Hawkins, aged 7 years; and on the 13th, of the same disease, Lucy Henrietta, aged 4 years-
- children of W. Craddock, Esq., Surgeon, Bengal Army. DAY, Henry, M.D., Surgeon R.N., at Acton, aged 71, on December 18th.
- HARDWICKE. On December 15th, Margaretta Matilda, wife of Edward Hardwicke, Esq., of Bourne, Lincolnshire, and eldest daughter of *George John Nicholls, Esq., Surgeon, of
- the same place, on December 15th. MARSHALL. On December 19th, at Maidstone, the wife of Richard Marshall, M.D., formerly of Totnes.
- *PITT, Henry, Esq., Surgeon, at Walsall, aged 34, on December 15th.

PASS LISTS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS. MEMBERS admitted at the meeting of the Court of Examiners, on Monday, December 13th, 1858:

BOULLAND, Alfred Brocard, Hull GRIFFITH, Charles William, Winchester Street, Pimlico GUENTHER, Henry, East Indies JAMES, Charles Pope, Barking, Essex LANGSTON, William, Watlington LEES, Robert Hanslip, St. John's Terrace, Regent's Park OWEN, William Hunter, North Shields STORY, Michael Marshall, Newcastle-on-Tyne USHER, Thomas Stevenson, Ilkley, Otley, Yorkshire WIKELEY, Charles Edward, Halton, near Leeds Friday, December 17th: BAILLIE, Benjamin Tillyer Blunt, Haverstock Hill BLUNDELL, William, Sherborne, Dorset

BROOKE, John, Stockport

- CALVERT, George, Army CARPENTER, John William, Lambeth
- GILES, William Foster, Cheltenham
- GREEN, Christopher, Brixham, Devon
- HAMILTON, John Burnett, Stratford HUBERT, William Arthur, Markyate Street, Herts

KENNEDY, William, Dublin

- LYNN, Robert Davidson, Newcastle-upon-Tyne MacManus, Thomas Alban, Kingston-upon-Hull
- MORGAN, Morgan, Jamaica
- STRICKLAND, Charles, Bushey, Herts SUFFREIN, Benjamin Thomas, Indian Army WALTON, Thomas, Kingston-upon-Hull

- WELD, George Henry, Woolwich Monday, December 20th :--AsH, Thomas Linnington, St. Mary's Hospital BLOXAM, William, Mount Street, Grosvenor Square DODSWORTH, Frederic Charles, Turnham Green Dowell, James, Queen's Ferry, Flint, North Wales Gould, Henry Martin, Wateringbury, Kent HARLE, Ezra, Upper Street, Islington

 - JACKSON, Thomas Hayes, Darlington JESSETT, Frederick Bowreman, Isle of Wight

LUKE, Henry, Claremont Square PyLE, Thomas Hutchinson, Newcastle

- WATSON, John, Southampton Street, Bloomsbury Wood, Edmund, Billingshurst, Sussex

LICENTIATES IN MIDWIFERY admitted at a meeting of the Board, on December 22nd :---

- BLOXAM, William, Mount Street, Grosvenor Square: diploma of membership dated Dec. 20th, 1858
- CARNE, Charles, Caledonian Terrace, Islington: July 9th, 1855

CARPENTER, John William, Lambeth: December 17th, 1858 CLAY, John, Birmingham : November 26th, 1858 Collins, Frederick, Whittingham, Northumberland : June 4th, 1855

CULPEPER, William Moe, Notting Hill: May 28th, 1841

CULVERWELL, Charles, Arundel Street, Strand: August 7th, 1857

DONNE, Jeremiah Moulton, Castle Cary, Somerset: April 9th, 1858

HOLL, Harvey Buchanan, St. George's Square : December 3rd, 1849

HOPTON, George Octavius, Judd Street, Brunswick Square, November 19th, 1858

JONES, Evan, Aberdare, Glamorganshire: March 29, 1858 LANGDON, Thomas Charles, Bampton, Devon: March 19th, 1858

LYNES, Edward, Coventry: April 12th, 1858 NICHOLAS, George Edward, Wandsworth: Feb. 6th, 1846

OLDHAM, Riton, West Hartlepool: December 17th, 1841 Rossitor, John Gilby Townsend, Bristol: Nov. 2nd, 1849 Sass, Edwin Etty, Henrietta Street, Brunswick Square: August 2nd, 1858

SAVERY, Joseph Planta, Hastings: November 26th, 1858 TURNER, Thomas, Leeds : January 9th, 1858

WHALLEY, William, Keighley, Yorkshire : June 18th, 1858 WRIGHT, Henry, Scarborough : December 10th, 1858

APOTHECARIES' HALL. Members admitted on Thursday, December 16th, 1858 :--

ARMSTRONG, William, Alnwick, Northumberland BARRETTÈ, Whatley, St. Paul's Street, Islington BOOTH, Edward, Stalybridge BRAITHWAITE, Robert, Whitby, Yorkshire CLARK, William Wake, Wellingborough HAWKINS, James Stilwell, Colet Place, Commercial Road KILBUEN, William Byers, West Auckland, Durham NISBETT, Robert Innes, Forres, North Britain SHEPHERD, James, Blackburn, Lancashire SHIFTLEF, Edward Matthew, Kingston, Surrey Smith, John Sydney, Wheatley, Oxon Squire, Alexander John Balmanno, Australia WILKINSON, John Handforth, Oldham, Lancashire

HEALTH OF LONDON:-WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 18TH, 1858.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

THE deaths registered in London in the week ending last Saturday were 1442. In the ten years 1848-57 the average number of deaths in the weeks corresponding with last week was 1186; but as the deaths in the present return occurred in a population which has increased, they should be compared with the average after it is raised in proportion to this increase, a correction which will make it 1305. The result of comparison is, that the deaths of last week exceeded by 137 the number which would have occurred if a rate of mortality the same as the average had prevailed. The deaths in the preceding week were 1531; and though those of last week are still numerous, it is satisfactory that the return shows a continued decrease in the mortality from the high point which it attained at the end of last month.

Sixty-three districts of England in which the mortality is least have been selected, and their average rate of mortality in the last quarter of the year has been ascertained. If the deaths in London last week had been according to "the healthy rate" thus obtained, they would have been 765; and the actual excess (amounting to 677) above this standard may be the result in part of the unfavourable nature of the weather, but it arises chiefly from acquired conditions of insalubrity that exist in towns.

The deaths caused last week by zymotic diseases in the aggregate were 322, the corrected average of ten corresponding weeks being 299. Though scarlatina appears to be declining, it is still by far the most fatal in this class. The deaths from it were 11?, the average being 58. Eight deaths from scarla-tina occurred in the Tottenham Court Road sub-district. Small-pox slowly increases, and it was fatal last week in 16 cases. From measles, 42 children and an adult died; of which cases 3 occurred within four days in one house, 21 Kidd Street, Woolwich. Bronchitis carried off 264 persons, which is rather more than in the previous week, and exceeds the average by 131. The deaths of five nonagenarians, who were all widows, are recorded as having occurred at the following ages: 90, 94, 95, 98, and 99 years.

Last week, the births of 890 boys and 880 girls, in all 1770 children, were registered in London. In the ten corresponding weeks of the years 1848-57, the average number was 1561.

At the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, the mean height of the barometer in the week was 20.867 in. The barometrical readings varied from 20.39 in. to 30.14 in. The mean tem-perature of the week was 38.9°, which is 1.1° below the average of the same week in 43 years (as determined by Mr. Glaisher). The lowest point attained by the thermometer in the week was $33\cdot5^{\circ}$ on Wednesday; the *highest* point was 51° on Saturday. The range of the week was therefore $17\cdot5^{\circ}$. The mean daily range was 7.8°; on Sunday and Tuesday the range did not exceed 2.4° and 3°. The difference between the mean dew-point temperature and air temperature was 2.7°. The mean degree of humidity of the air was 91. The mean temperature of the water of the Thames was 41-1°. The wind blew gene-rally from the south and south-east. The amount of rain measured by the gauge was 0.30 in., most of which fell on Saturday. Saturday.

MEDICAL REGISTRATION: MEETING AT NORTHAMPTON.

A GENERAL meeting of the medical practitioners of the town and county of Northampton and of the immediate neighbour-hood was held at the Board-room of the Northampton Infirmary, on the 13th instant; Dr. FRANCIS in the chair. There were also present between forty and fifty other gentlemen; among whom were Dr. Robertson, Dr. Webster, Dr. Nesbitt, Mr. Terry, Mr. Mash, Dr. Bryan, Dr. Faircloth; Messrs. Per-cival, Wood, Cotton, H. Terry, Gray, Moxon, Flewitt, of Northampton; Messrs. Clarke, Fernie, Dulley, and Sharman, of Wellingborough; Mr. Daniell of Newport Pagnell; Mr. Mar-sack, of Olney; Messrs. Leete, Williams, and Spurgin, of Thrapstone; Mr. Cox, of Welford; Mr. E. T. Watkins, of Towces-Thrapstone; Mr. Cox, of Welford; Mr. E. I. Watkins, of Towess-ter; Mr. Swann, of Weedon; Mr. Knott, of Blisworth; Messrs. Dix and Cox, of Long Buckby; Mr. Marshall, of Moulton; Dr. MrLoskey, of Rothwell; Mr. Williams, of Guilsborough; Dr. Pritchard, of Abington; etc. 1. It was proposed by Dr. WEBSTER, seconded by Mr. DULLEY, and carried unanimously—

That with a view to secure the efficiency of the new Medical Act, a society be formed of qualified practitioners in this neighbourhood, and that such society be termed 'The Medical Registration Association for the Town and County of Northampton and its immediate neighbourhood.'

2. Mr. TERRY proposed, and Dr. M'Loskey seconded-

"That a Committee be now formed, with power to add to their number; and that they have authority to make such rules and regulations for carrying out the objects of the Association as they may deem necessary."

An amendment was proposed by Mr. E. T. WATKINS, and seconded by Dr. PRITCHARD-

"That the Managing Committee of the South-Midland Branch of the British Medical Association be the nucleus of the Committee for promoting the objects of the new Medical Act, and that such other names be added as may be elected by the present meeting."

The amendment was carried, and the following gentlemen were then elected members of the Committee: Dr. Francis, Mr. Terry, Mr. Mash, Dr. Faircloth, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Fernie, Mr. Leete, Mr. Marsack, Dr. M'Loskey.

3. It was proposed by Mr. LEETE, and seconded by Mr. Mash-

" That all duly qualified medical practitioners be eligible as members of this Association; and that with a view to defray the necessary expenses, an entrance fee of five shillings be paid by each member.'

This resolution was carried unanimously.

4. It was proposed by Dr. BRYAN, seconded by Mr. DIX, and carried unanimously-

"That each gentleman proposing to become a member of the Association be requested to enrol his name on a list now provided for that purpose.

5. It was proposed by Mr. DANIELL, and seconded by Mr. H. TERRY-

" That Mr. J. F. Gray be appointed Treasurer and Secretary of the Association."

Votes of thanks were subsequently carried in succession to the Chairman, to Mr. Gray for his services as interim Secretary, and to the Governors of the Infirmary for their kindness in placing their Board-room at the disposal of the meeting.

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