

atmosphere of the apartment, which is replaced by openings in the floor; and by having the air-flues beneath the floor of larger area than the total amount of the areas of their openings into the building, draughts are prevented and general diffusion attained.

I am, etc.,

A. B. STEELE.

Liverpool, April 6th, 1857.

ROYAL MEDICAL BENEVOLENT COLLEGE: PAYMENTS FOR EXHIBITIONERS.

LETTER FROM WILLIAM CHOLMELEY, M.D.

SIR,—In your report of the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Governors of the Royal Medical Benevolent College, held April 3, you have been led into the error of stating that all the three Resolutions advertised “were proposed by Mr. H. Bate-
man, and seconded by Dr. Ballard.” In fact, only the first of the three resolutions was proposed to the meeting. Immediately after the amendment to this first resolution had been carried, and while I was vainly endeavouring, in the midst of much noise and confusion, to gain the Chairman’s attention and to propose the second resolution, the meeting was hastily adjourned *sine die*. It is important to notice this; because when Dr. Ballard, in seconding the first resolution, was proceeding to adduce proofs that, even supposing the Council right in their interpretation of the Act of Parliament (which we entirely, and on counsel’s advice, deny), still the charge to the exhibitors need not be increased beyond £30 per annum, he was stopped by the Chairman, and not permitted to enter into the question of expenses, on the ground that that would be trenching on the subject of the second resolution, though nearly every one who spoke against the first resolution, or in support of the amendment, discussed, without restraint, the “justness” and “reasonableness”, and even necessity, of the increased charge of £40 per annum.

It was doubtless owing to the fact that there was also some degree of confusion prevailing, when the amendment was put to the vote, that the Chairman could not hear the calls for the ballot.

I am, etc.

WM. CHOLMELEY.

40, Russell Square, w.c., April 14, 1857.

Medical News.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, AND APPOINTMENTS.

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

BIRTHS.

- BLACK. On April 12th, at 49, Queen Anne Street, the wife of Patrick Black, M.D., of a daughter.
*HODGES. On April 8th, at Rochford, Essex, the wife of Richard Hodges, M.D., of a son.
MITCHELL. On April 9th, at Bath, the wife of James Johnston Mitchell, Esq., Surgeon, of a daughter.
*ROBERTSON. On March 31st, at Nottingham, the wife of W. Tindal Robertson, M.D., of a son.
SHILLITOE. On April 10th, at 34, Finsbury Circus, the wife of Buxton Shillitoe, Esq., Surgeon, of a son.
WAGGETT. On April 9th, at 4, Stanley Terrace, Kensington Park, the wife of John Waggett, M.D., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

- BRADLEY—CHITTY. BRADLEY, William Henry, Esq., Surgeon 2nd Regiment Cavalry Hyderabad Contingent, to Josephine, youngest daughter of the late Joseph Chitty, jun., Esq., of the Middle Temple, at St. Thomas’s Cathedral, Bombay, on March 14th.
COLSTON—ARMFIELD. COLSTON, Henry Samuel, Esq., Surgeon, of 31, St. Paul’s Road, Camden Town, to Miss Armfield, of Grafton Street, Fitzroy Square, at St. Pancras Church, on April 11th.
GRANT—TODD. GRANT, James, Esq., Solicitor, of Symonds Inn, London, to Mary Anne, second daughter of John Todd, Esq., Surgeon, of Colinsburgh, Fife, at Colinsburgh, on April 8th.

DEATHS.

- BURMAN. On April 13th, Mary Redin, wife of — Burman, Esq., Surgeon, of the Crescent, America Square.

BROWN. On April 7th, at Warsash House, Hants, Charlotte Swinton, widow of Dr. Brown, late of the Medical Staff at Calcutta.

HEWARD. On April 11th, Elizabeth, wife of T. Spencer Heward, Esq., Surgeon, of 56, Grosvenor Street.

SKELTON, J., M.D., Battalion Surgeon Coldstream Guards, at Abbey Road, St. John’s Wood, on April 9th.

SYMES. On February 7th, supposed by falling overboard from the *True Briton*, George, son of George Symes, M.D., Bridport, Dorset, aged 20.

*WOOD. On April 11th, at 54, Upper Harley Street, Cavendish Square, Clara Ramsden, infant daughter of William Wood, M.D.

YATE. On April 6th, at Grappenhall, Cheshire, Cordelia, wife of James Yate, Esq., Surgeon.

PASS LISTS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS. At the usual Quarterly Meeting, held on Monday, April 6th, after having passed the necessary examinations—

Dr. FREDK. COCK, Westbourne Park Terrace, was admitted member of the College.

At the same meeting, were elected Consiliarii—

Dr. ROOTS

Dr. FERGUSON

Dr. ARTHUR FARRE

Dr. SIR JOHN FORBES

Dr. CURSHAM

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS. MEMBERS admitted at the meeting of the Court of Examiners on Friday, April 3rd, 1857:—

BLACKMORE, Humphrey Purnell, Salisbury

CARTER, Alfred, St. Ann’s Bay, Jamaica

COCKERTON, Richard, Gorton, Cambridgeshire

FOXWELL, James John, Bristol

HARRIS, Lewis, Broadhempston, Totnes, Devon

HAWKINS, Thomas, Spaldwick, Huntingdonshire

KERMAN, George Davy, Liverpool

LITSTER, William, Bridgton, Glasgow

NEAL, James, Birmingham

PEPPIN, Henry Cole, Martock, Somerset

THOMAS, Hugh Owen, Seacombe, Cheshire

THOMAS, John Little, Carmarthen

WILSON, John, Whitby, Yorkshire

At the same meeting of the Court—

BAIRD, William James, of H.M.S. *Wellesley*, passed his examination for Naval Surgeon. This gentleman had previously been admitted a member of the Edinburgh College of Surgeons: his diploma bearing date April 10th, 1852.

Monday, April 6th:—

BARRETTE, Whatly, Bath

BATE, George, jun., Plymouth

COCKCROFT, George Edmondsaco, Middleham, Yorkshire

EDWARDS, Thomas Edwin, St. Mary’s Hospital, Paddington

EVANS, Henry, Blaenant, Cardiganshire

FARR, George Evan, Woolwich

FISHER, Joseph, Manchester

GARLICK, William, Park Square, Leeds

MICHAEL, David, Swansea, South Wales

PAULI, Theophilus Isaac William, Oxford

PAYNE, George Brown, Knutsford, Cheshire

POPE, Joseph John, Mornington Crescent, Hampstead Road

RUTTLEDGE, Thomas Edward, London Hospital

SAUNDERS, Richard Westrap, Pisa, Tuscany

STEVENSON, Nathaniel, Cleveland Square, Bayswater

Monday, April 13th:—

ALCOCK, John, Cobridge, Staffordshire

BANNISTER, Alfred James, Trafalgar Square, Chelsea

BARFORD, James Gale, Wokingham, Berkshire

BROCK, Edward, Canterbury

CHAPPELL, John James, Axmouth, Devon

HODGES, William, Brecon, S. Wales

MARRIOTT, Charles William, Leamington, Warwickshire

RAMSBOTHAM, Walter Basnett, Amwell Street, Claremont

Square

RENLSCH, George Henry, Haverstock Hill, Hampstead

RICHARDSON, Francis Hunt, Highgate

NEW FELLOWS. The following members of the College were admitted to the Fellowship, at a meeting of the Council, on the 8th instant:—

ANDERTON, Henry, Much Woolton

BERNARD, Ralph Montague, Clifton
 BESEMERES, William, Old Kent Road
 BROWN, Robert, Brixton Hill
 BYERLY, Isaac, Seacombe, Cheshire
 CLIFTON, Nathaniel Henry, Islington
 CROFT, Charles Ilderton, Laurence Pountney Hill
 ELLIOTT, Robert, Chichester
 EVANS, Richard David Jones, Hertford
 EWEN, Henry, Long Sutton
 FAWSETT, Frederick, Wisbeach
 FENTON, John, Liverpool
 HARRINSON, Isaac, Reading
 HILLS, George, Keighley
 IBBETSON, George Augustus, Brook Street
 KINGSFORD, Edward, Sunbury
 LISTER, John, Doncaster
 MINTER, John Moolenburgh, M.H.S. *Victoria and Albert*
 NICHOLSON, John Frederick, Stratford Green
 NOURSE, William Edward Charles, West Cowes
 ROBERTS, Watkin William, Carnarvon
 SCOTT, Edward John, Southsea
 STROTHER, Arthur, Darlington
 At the same meeting of the Council—
 DREVER, John, Birmingham
 MACMEIKAN, John, Stratford
 Were admitted *ad eundem* members of the College.

LICENTIATES IN MIDWIFERY admitted at a meeting of the Board, on April 15th:—

BAKER, William Langworthy, Newton Abbot, Devon: diploma of membership dated March 30th, 1857
 BLACKALL, John George, Hoxton: March 27th, 1857
 DAVY, Francis Jeafford, Knighton, Devon: March 13, 1857
 DENNE, Thomas, Sittingbourne, Kent: Feb. 20th, 1857
 EVANS, Abel, Llantysil, Cardiganshire: March 25th,
 GIRDLESTONE, William Theophilus, Wordsley, Staffordshire: December 12th, 1856
 HAMILTON, William, Tarbut, Ireland: December 22nd, 1854
 HETHERINGTON, Joseph, Lamplugh Hall, Cumberland: March 30th, 1857
 JOHNSON, Osborne, Bassingham, Newark, Nottinghamshire: June 23rd, 1851
 JONES, William Padmore, Marlborough Place, Old Kent Road: March 6th, 1857
 KNAGGS, Henry, Huddersfield: March 27th, 1857
 MUDD, William, Hadleigh, Suffolk: Oct. 24th, 1856
 NOBLE, William, Linton, Herefordshire: July 29th, 1853
 THOMAS, John, Cardigan: March 25th, 1857

HEALTH OF LONDON:—WEEK ENDING APRIL 11TH, 1857.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

THE deaths registered in London, which in the previous week were 1235, in the week that ended on Saturday, declined to 1059. In the ten years 1847-56, the average number of deaths in the weeks corresponding with last week was 1104. But as the deaths of last week occurred in an increased population, the average should be raised for the purpose of comparison in proportion to the increase, in which case it becomes 1214. Hence it appears that the deaths now returned were less by 155 than the number which the average rate of mortality would have produced.

The deaths last week referred to diseases of the zymotic class were 181, whilst the corrected average of corresponding weeks is 246. Typhus and common fever were fatal in 50 cases (20 of which occurred in the north district); the average is 48. Fifty children died of hooping-cough; the number, according to the average rate of mortality, would have been 63. Twenty-three children died of scarlatina, the average being 36. Measles was fatal in 17 cases, the average being 25; small-pox in 3 cases, the average being 14; and diarrhoea in 10 cases, the average being 16. No deaths from small-pox occurred in the east, south, or west districts, and none from measles in the west districts, a portion of the metropolis which was remarkably exempt from fatal cases of the zymotic diseases. Three children died at 17, New End, Hampstead, on the 2nd, 3rd, and 6th instant respectively, of fever; they appear to have taken fever in Hampstead, to which they had been brought for change of air when recovering from hooping-cough. Bronchitis carried off 113 persons, and pneumonia 81; both numbers being near their respective averages. Four persons died of intemperance; two of delirium tremens; and two of car-

buncle. Two women died at the age of 94 years; and one in Lewisham Workhouse at the age of 96 years.

Last week the births of 835 boys and 773 girls, in all 1608 children, were registered in London. In the ten corresponding weeks of the years 1847-56 the average number was 1511.

At the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, the mean height of the barometer in the week was 29.519 in. The instrument ranged from 29.27 in. to 29.82 in. The mean temperature of the week was 49.9°, which is 4.6° above the average of the same week in 43 years. The mean daily temperature was above the average on every day except Saturday; on Sunday and Monday, the excess was 10° and 8°. The highest temperature occurred on Sunday, the 5th, and was 65°; the lowest on Friday, and was 37.3°. The range of temperature in the week was 27.7°. The mean dew-point temperature was 45.0°, and the difference between this and the mean air temperature was 4.9°. The wind which had alternated between south-east and south-west during the week, changed to north-west on Saturday. Rain fell on every day except Wednesday, and the whole amount of the week was 0.53 in. Thunder was heard on Tuesday and Friday.

LICENSES TO DRINK. The latest is a Bill before the Albany Legislature establishing a system of licenses for the consumer, instead of the seller; people are to take out a license to drink, like a license to kill game, or a permission to carry arms. There is a nicely graduated scale of fees for liberty to imbibe the various kinds of fluids:—2s. a-year make a man free of small beer and "currant wine", or wines of "domestic manufacture": the courage that can venture on the last named liquids deserves to be let off cheaply. Strong beer, porter, and ale, require a payment of 3s. Whisky and spirits of home distillation are allowed for one dollar annually; brandy and foreign spirits are accessible by a fee of one dollar and a half. The sliding scale stops there. The next fee is high and inclusive: five dollars annually purchases a license to drink beer, spirits, and wine, or anything, from *aqua fortis* to champagne. The payment of five dollars elevates the payer above all restrictions on his beverage. Aldermen and justices of the peace are the granters of the licenses; and no person can sell or even give anything in the shape of drink, unless the applicant produces his license to swallow it; and then only the special kinds specified in the document, such sale or gift to the unlicensed being a misdemeanour. No license whatever, not even for currant wine, is to be granted to a married woman without the previous written consent of her husband. Such is the last legislative absurdity, based on that fruitful source of it, good intentions, when divorced from common sense. While the State Legislature of New York is pestered with such ridiculous schemes, the Federal Legislature at Washington, by the new tariff, has just reduced the duties on foreign spirits from 100 per cent. to 30 per cent., the only effect of the higher duty having been to encourage adulteration.

WARNING TO PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTISTS. Our photographic friends will do well to take warning from the following extract, taken from a Cape paper, in which it is stated that Dr. Atherstone, an eminent photographer, had nearly poisoned himself:—"It appears that in removing the stains of nitrate of silver from his hands with that deadly poison cyanide of potassium (the plan commonly adopted by photographers), he suddenly felt a glow through his whole frame, accompanied by a tremulous feeling. The thought flashed across his mind that some of the poison had been absorbed by some scratches or cuts on his hands which he had forgotten. He washed his hands instantly, taking ammonia and wine. But the symptoms increased, his sight grew indistinct, his memory was impaired, and a sense of fainting warned him that a poisonous dose had been absorbed. He then tried cold affusion, with temporary relief; and a powerful shower-bath gave great relief for a time, but the symptoms returned at intervals of a few minutes; the jaws felt constricted, and there was a spasmodic action of the muscles of the arms, parched throat, and sense of faintness. In three hours these symptoms left, and he fell asleep. The next day he suffered from great exhaustion. This case shows the necessity of extreme caution on the part of photographers and others in the use of this highly poisonous salt. The following will be found a safe and equally efficacious mode of removing the stains of nitrate of silver from the hands:—Moisten the stain with a saturated solution of iodide of potassium in water, and afterwards with nitric acid, diluted with two parts of water, then wash in a solution of hyposulphite of soda."—(*Madras Spectator*, Feb. 2, and *Times*, April 6.)